

Freedom of Information request 362-17

Request

Please can you provide me with a copy of any surveys or assessments, from the last three years, which assesses the fire stopping or fire proofing measures in all of the hospitals you operate.

This should include full details of any fire stopping issues uncovered, including a description of the problem, which hospital it is/was in and what remediation work is/was needed.

If relevant to your health board, please can you tell me, to date, how much has been deducted in PPI/PPP unitary charges in relation to fire stopping or fire proofing defects identified in hospitals.

Response

1&2. Fire risk assessments have been carried out in all NHS Borders hospitals. The results of the surveys are recorded in the 3i fire risk assessment database. Any remedial works required are addressed in accordance with the fire risk priority. In house maintenance staff have been trained to carry out fire stopping work which may be supported by external contractors if required.

3. There are no PFI / PPP hospitals in the NHS Borders area, therefore this question is not applicable.

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk.

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **362-17** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.