

Freedom of Information request 387-17

Request

Please can I request the following information in accordance with the freedom of information act:

1. How many falls prevention teams does your trust operate?
2. How many of these falls prevention teams include a podiatrist? Please state the number of podiatrists employed within each falls prevention team.
3. How many of these falls prevention teams are led by a podiatrist?
4. If the trust does not operate any falls prevention teams, please provide a reason for this.
5. How many patients have been diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis conditions in your Trust in: (a) 2012/13, (b) 2013/14, (c) 2014/15, (d) 2015/16
6. How many of those patients were referred to podiatry services following their rheumatological diagnoses in (i) 2012/13, (ii) 2013/14, (iii) 2014/15, (iv) 2015/16

Response

1. NHS Borders does not have a Falls Prevention team.
2. Not applicable.
3. Not applicable.
4. We do have a Falls Strategy Group which is a multi-agency, multi-professional group. Improvement work outlined to the Clinical Governance Committee notes falls prevention as one of the 4 key improvement areas. Improvement methodology being utilised to test new approaches in clinical areas.
5. This data is not routinely collated, to provide this data would require a manual trawl of all patient medical records and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 therefore we are not required to provide.
6. Please find the number of patients with rheumatoid arthritis who have been referred to podiatry:
 - (i) 2012/13 - no accurate data
 - (ii) 2013/14 - 134
 - (iii) 2014/15 - 154
 - (iv) 2015/16 - 166

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 **387-17** 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.