

Freedom of Information request 400-17

Request

Please confirm or deny if Borders NHS Board holds information on whether all (a) A&E shifts (b) general surgery shifts (c) intensive care unit shifts (d) critical care shifts (e) paediatric ward shifts (f) geriatric ward shifts (g) maternity unit shifts (h) oncology unit shifts from (i) Friday 16th June to Thursday 22nd June 2017 (ii) Friday 17th June to Thursday 23rd June 2016 at Borders NHS Board met safe staffing levels based on (i) Borders NHS Board's own workforce planning (ii) safe staffing levels as defined by the Scottish Government

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Response

This information is contained in individual staffing rotas which are held by individual departments and is not centrally collated. To find this information would require a discussions with individual departments to ascertain the number of consultants working during the week beginning 28 August, their specialty, the times they worked and details of the most senior staff member available. This information gathering would exceed the charging threshold prescribed in the Regulations made by the Scottish Ministers which constitutes a ground of exemption in terms of Section 12 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

NHS Borders can confirm that there was no adverse incident raised through our reporting system between Friday 17th June and Thursday 23 June 2016 or between Friday 16 June and Thursday 22 June 2017 in the specialties mentioned regarding unsafe or inadequate staffing levels at Borders General Hospital.

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 **400-17** 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.