

## Freedom of Information request 420-17

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### Request

1. Please confirm how many whole time equivalent physiotherapist and physiotherapy support worker vacancies were held in NHS Borders as at 31 March 2017.
2. Please confirm how many of the posts in Request 1a had been vacant for 3 months or more as at 31 March 2017.
3. Please confirm how many whole time equivalent (WTE) physiotherapists and physiotherapy support workers were employed by NHS Borders on the 31 March 2017. (This should include any generic assistant or technical instructor posts that support physiotherapy service provision).

### *Clarification Received:*

*Please note that there was an error in our original FOI request cover letter which asked for the staff numbers for those employed. This clarification is being sent to you to make clear that we are requesting the total numbers within the funded establishment. The form attached to our original letter did correctly request the information for the funded establishment.*

### Response

1. No posts are being held by NHS Borders, all vacancies are advertised.
2. NHS Borders do not hold this information, therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 we cannot provide.
3. NHS Borders can confirm the total wte in post as Physiotherapists as at 31 March 2017 was 41.97wte, with 8.24wte Physiotherapy Support Workers (Agenda for Change Band 3 & Band 4).

Following further clarification on this FOI from the requestor we have noted the additional information:

The total wte funded by NHS Borders for Physiotherapists as at 31st March 2017 was 42.54wte, with 9.44.wte Physiotherapy Support Workers (Agenda for Change Band 3 & Band 4).

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](mailto: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 **420-17** 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.