

## Freedom of Information request 6-18

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### Request

I am writing to request that you answer the following questions concerning the use of locum consultants and nurses:

1. How much did the health board spend on internal locum consultant doctors in 2015-16?
2. How much did the health board spend on agency locum consultant doctors in 2015-16?
3. How much did the health board spend on internal locum nurses in 2015-16?
4. How much did the health board spend on agency locum nurses in 2015-16?
5. What were total locum costs for the health board in 2015-16?
6. How much did the health board spend on internal locum consultant doctors in 2016-17?
7. How much did the health board spend on agency locum consultant doctors in 2016-17?
8. How much did the health board spend on internal locum nurses in 2016-17?
9. How much did the health board spend on agency locum nurses in 2016-17?
10. What were total locum costs for the health board in 2016-17?

### Response

Please find data below as per your request:

	2015/16	2016/17
Internal Locum Consultant	£52,471	£1,105,093
Internal Locum Nurses	Nil	Nil
Total Internal Locum Consultant and Nursing costs each year	£52,471	£1,105,093

	2015/16	2016/17
Agency Locum Consultant	£1,224,164	£1,745,867
Agency Locum Nurses	£1,053,408	£1,076,254
Total Agency Locum Consultant and Nursing Costs each year	£2,277,572	£2,822,121

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 **6-18** 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.