

Freedom of Information request 9-18

Request

Could you please provide me with a total agency spend broken down by both (A) Contract Agency Spend, and (B) Off Contract Agency Spend (non tender agreement), between January 2017 and December 2017 for the following:

Qualified Social Workers
Social work assistants
Social Care Workers
Support workers
Dietitians
Occupational Therapists
Physiotherapists
Radiographers
Speech and Language Therapists

Response

The following agency staff costs have been incurred by NHS Borders for the period January 2017 - December 2017. The spend incurred by the Board on Agency staffing has been allocated by Framework or Non Framework suppliers in the table below.

	Spend incurred - Framework Agency Supplier	Spend incurred - Non Framework Agency Supplier
Dietitians	Nil	£29,521
Occupational Therapists	£48,805	£13,643
Physiotherapists	£23,376	£85,481
Radiographers	£12,098	£54,872
Speech and Language Therapists	Nil	Nil

NHS Borders does not employ or contract with Agency suppliers for the following staff:

- Qualified Social Workers
- Social Work Assistants
- Social Care Workers

This data would be available from Scottish Borders Council, therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is otherwise accessible:

NHS Borders are unable to provide data on the spend for Support Workers as the finance system does not separately identify these costs. To obtain this data would require a manual trawl of all invoices and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 therefore under Section 12 we are not required to provide.

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 **9-18** 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.