

## Freedom of Information request 13-18

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### Request

1. Please provide a list of the currently vacant GP posts in your health board area which have been advertised on more than one occasion (i.e. been re-advertised). How many times has each post been advertised? Each time it was advertised, how many applications were received?
2. What is the longest that any currently vacant GP post has been unfilled? Where is this vacancy?
3. Please provide a position statement for each GP practice in your health board area which is currently experiencing recruitment difficulties. For example, how many vacancies are there at each of these practices, how long has the recruitment process been underway, what impact has this had on the services available to patients?
4. How many GP posts were re-advertised in (a) 2014-15, (b) 2015-16, and (c) 2016-17.

### Response

GP Practices are independent contractors and this information is not available to the Board. Therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 we do not hold this data.

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 **13-18** 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.