

Freedom of Information request 17-18

Request

I would like to request the following information, please:

- Which countries have been visited by health board staff and/or representatives for the purposes of recruiting clinical staff in each of the last five years?
- How many times each of these countries has been visited for this purpose?
- How much did each trip cost?
- How many (a) full- and (b) part-time clinical staff have been recruited as a result of each trip?

Response

NHS Borders attended a Medical Staff Careers Fair in the Republic of Ireland on 20 & 21 October 2015 at a cost of approx £2800. This is the only country that has been visited for this purpose.

One full time member of clinical staff was recruited directly as a result of this event, who joined the service in February 2016.

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 **17-18** 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.