

## Freedom of Information request 26-18

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### Request

1. Please provide information on whether your NHS Trust currently employ any individuals for the purpose of 'spiritual care' and/or, 'pastoral care' - if applicable, please indicate which denomination each employee belongs to.
2. Please list the specific job titles and, salary figures (per annum or pro rota) for each respective individual; detailing which are part-time and full-time roles.
3. Please provide details on whether NHS Trust have a specific budget for the purpose of 'spiritual care' or 'pastoral care' and, if so, please detail the total amount (£).

### Response

1. NHS Borders currently employ individuals for the purpose of spiritual care. Those employees in post are Church of Scotland ordained ministers who help to facilitate spiritual or religious care for all, whatever their faith or life stance happens to be.
2. Please find below details on post titles, roles and salary banding:
  - Head of Spiritual Care – full time x 1 - A4C band 7
  - Chaplain – part time x 1 - A4C Band 6
  - Chaplain – sessional x 3 - A4C Band 6
  - Spiritual Care coordinator – full time x 1 - A4C Band 3
3. NHS Borders have a specific budget for Spiritual Care for 2018/19 of £113,448.

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 **26-18** 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.