

## Freedom of Information request 82-18

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### Request

I'm a journalist working for The Sunday Times this week and would like to ask the health board for information on how many cases of alleged sexual harassment by NHS staff have been recorded in the past year.

If possible, could you indicate how many, if any, of the alleged victims were minors (under 18) and if the alleged victim was a patient or member of staff.

Please also indicate if the complaint was referred to the police or dealt with internally - and if so, how the matter was resolved (ie complaint not upheld, verbal/written warning, suspension or dismissal of staff member).

We are compiling this information from all health boards for an article this weekend.

### Response

NHS Borders have recorded no cases of alleged sexual harassment by NHS staff in the past year.

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 **82-18** 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.