

Freedom of Information request 88-18

Request

1. What security seals or tamper-evident products are currently used by the Pharmacy department
2. What are these products used for?
3. How many are used each year?
4. What is the annual cost for these items?
5. I would also like to know where the trust purchases these products from, i.e. is it direct from a supplier or from the NHS Supply Chain?
6. Who is responsible for purchasing this product?

Response

- 1-4 Green plastic pharmacy box seals are used to seal all drug stock boxes leaving the department. – Approx 10k are used annually @ £520.

Red – Numbered seals are used to seal the Envopaks when sending patients own drugs to the wards and for all Controlled drug stock. – Approx 2k are used annually @ £250.

5. Both products are supplied direct from a supplier and are done via non-stock procurement requisitions.
6. NHS Borders Pharmacy Procurement Office

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 **88-18** 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.