

Freedom of Information request 102-18

Request

Please send me all information regarding complaints made about hospital food since 2013.

In particular, any complaints regarding vegetarians suspected to have been given meat during their stay, and any complaints regarding religion and failure to observe a specified diet.

Response

Please find below the number of complaints recorded by NHS Borders regarding hospital food:

2013 – 0

2014 – 1 (Dietary choices available to dialysis patients)

2015 – 3 (1- Inappropriate vegetarian meal provided; 2 - Hospital kitchen closed at 2.00pm, lack of suitable evening meal choice on 1& 2 January; 3 – food provided to wards was not of same standard and temperature as in Dining Room, food ordered from menu was not always provided)

2016 – 1 (Lack of gluten free food)

2017 – 0

2018 – 0

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 **102-18** 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.