

Freedom of Information request 112-18

Request

Please provide a list of all NHS Dental practices in the Borders HB region that have over the last 5 calendar years (2013-2017) made claims for:

- 1/. Rent reimbursement.
- 2/. Non Domestic Rates reimbursement.

To be arranged by practice alphabetically, and to include the following information.

- Name of Practice
- An indication of which reimbursements were claimed, Rent, Rates or both.
- The amount of abatement applied (if any)
- Which practices have been requested to provide an accountants certificate in support of claims.
- Which practices have actually then had accountants certificates fully verified against full business financial records / published annual account to ensure accuracy.

Response

NHS Borders do not make payment to Dental Practices, this is provided by the Practitioner Services Division of National Services Scotland (NHS NSS) who make payment on behalf of NHSS Health Boards. Therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this information is otherwise accessible from them. Please find below a link to their website:

<https://nhsnss.org/services/practitioner/dental/>

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 **112-18** 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.