

## Freedom of Information request 136-18

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### Request

1. What is the budget for Senior Board Members' office furnishings for each of the past 5 years? Have the said budgets been exceeded or not fully utilised and could you also give the rate of depreciation and details of any profits or losses on disposal of aforementioned furnishings.
2. What is the budget for Senior Board Members' travel and accommodation expenses? Stating any increases or decreases in percentage terms. If no budget, could you provide totals of any expenses, again for each of the last five years?
3. Could you also provide the total hours of unpaid overtime worked by medical staff and the total cost savings to NHS Borders over the past financial year. (class 5).

### Response

1. Expenditure incurred on office furnishings for Board Members in the last 5 years is detailed below: There is no recurring budget for office furnishings for Senior Board Members. Due to the level of spend no depreciation is incurred and there has been no profit or loss on disposal.

2013/14	Nil
2014/15	Nil
2015/16	Nil
2016/17	£200.12
2017/18	Nil

2. The annual budget for Board Members travel and accommodation is detailed below:

2013/14	£47,669	
2014/15	£46,428	-2.7%
2015/16	£45,040	-3.1%
2016/17	£43,040	-4.6%
2017/18	£42,229	-1.9%

3. NHS Borders does not encourage unpaid overtime and if it does occur this information is not centrally held, therefore under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 we cannot provide this information as it is not held.

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 **136-18** 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.