

## Freedom of Information request 145-18

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### Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2002 (Scotland) I request copies of the following from NHS Borders:

1. Any documents, emails, memos or other correspondence which contain reference to or gives guidance to the use of the terminology 'breastfeeding' between 01/01/13 and 26/03/18 or later.
2. Any documents, emails memos or other correspondence which contain reference to or gives guidance to the use of the terminology 'chestfeeding' between 01/01/13 and 26/03/18 or later.
3. Any documents, emails, memos or other correspondence including policies which advise staff members on how to use terminology surrounding the act of breastfeeding between 01/01/13 and 26/03/18 or later.

I am looking in particular, for documents which contain the word 'chestfeeding' and advise staff on when it is appropriate to use this terminology with parents.

### Response

1&3. "Breastfeeding" is very common terminology that appears in a substantial number of documents and other correspondence. The cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002, therefore under Section 12 we are unable to provide this data.

2. NHS Borders has no correspondence relating to guidance on the use of the terminology "chestfeeding".

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 **145-18** 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.