

Freedom of Information request 149-18

Request

Please disclose (a) the average daily rate paid for a locum GP (b) the lowest daily rate paid for a locum GP, and (c) the highest daily rate paid for a locum GP within NHS Borders over the past three years with the same figures also broken down by each year individually. The years that should be included are 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Clarification Received:

I would like all if possible, if not – then GP practices is of greater import

Response

In this time period NHS Borders has only appointed locum GPs for the Out Of Hours Primary Care Services. We have appointed no locum GPs in Primary Care for General Practices in the NHS Borders area.

- a) Locum GPs are not appointed for a daily rate. To calculate this from hourly rates paid would require a manual trawl of records and to carry 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.

b&c) The table below details the highest and lowest hourly rates paid for locum GPs in Out Of Hours Primary Care.

	2015	2016	2017
Lowest Hourly Rate	£60	£60	£60
Highest Hourly Rate	£144	£144	£144

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 **149-18** 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.