

Freedom of Information request 238-18

Please note that as a registered charity and not a public authority, NHS Borders Endowment fund is not bound by FOI legislation. Therefore under our duty to be provide advice and assistance please find the following response which we hope you will find helpful:

Request

This is a request for information made under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. I would be grateful if you could supply to me the following information in digital format;

1. To provide a full itemised list of expenditure from 2014 to current year that used the Health board's Endowment fund.
2. To provide the total amounts transferred each year from the endowment fund to the health board from 2014 to current year.

Response

The charitable activities of the Borders Health Board Endowment Fund are reported each year as part of the Endowment Fund 'The Difference' Annual Report and Accounts. The Annual Report and Accounts are externally audited on an annual basis.

The audited Annual Report and Accounts for the Difference for the period 2014/15 to 2016/17 are available for download from the Difference website via the following link.

<https://www.thedifference.org.uk/trustees-and-publications/>

The 2017/18 Annual Report and Accounts will be recommended to the Trustees for approval on the 6th June 2018 and available for issue on the 28th June 2018.

The Annual Report and Accounts present a number of analysis tables with supporting narrative to describe the charitable activities supported by the Endowment Funds each year. Charitable activities are delivered by NHS Borders through funds from both Unrestricted Funds as approved by the Trustees and by designated Fund Managers utilising individual Restricted Funds.

The Endowment Fund transactions are recorded through the NHS Scotland Finance System which cannot provide the level of detail requested. To obtain this data would require a manual trawl of all paper invoices and the cost of carrying out this work would be excessive so we are unable to provide.

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 **238-18** 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.