

Freedom of Information request 296-18

Request

I would like to ask for the following information under Freedom of Information legislation:

1. For each year since 2007/08 until 2017/2018, please can you provide me with the number of surgeons, neurosurgeons and doctors working within your neurosurgery departments, and – for those years – the number for those who received an annual appraisal. Please can you give a breakdown for each relevant hospital in your board area.
2. How many surgeons, neurosurgeons and doctors working within your neurosurgery departments have been a) suspended b) de-registered, each year in the past ten years (ie from 2007/8 to 2017/18)? Please can you give a breakdown for each hospital in your board area.

Response

NHS Borders does not have a neurosurgery department, all neurosurgery services are provided by the Western General Hospital, Edinburgh. Therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this information is accessible from NHS Lothian.

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 **296-18** 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.