

## Freedom of Information request 307-18

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### Request

1. On how many occasions in (a) 2015-16, (b) 2016-17 and (c) 2017-18 did your health board send scans to external radiology providers in (a) Scotland (b) the rest of the UK and (c) outside of the UK, for reporting services.
2. During the last three years, which countries outside of the UK has your health board sent scans for analysis to, broken down by the number of scans sent.
3. On how many occasions has staff reported concerns about the quality of reporting by companies sub-contracted to conduct radiology services.

### Response

NHS Borders currently does not use external radiology providers for reporting,

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 **307-18** 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.