

Freedom of Information request 387-18

Request

- 1) How many whole time equivalent registered (trained) nursing vacancies remain unfilled in your health board area as of 6th August 2018?
- 2) How many whole time equivalent registered (trained) nursing vacancies are budgeted for in this financial year?
- 3) What is the average time for whole time equivalent registered (trained) nursing vacancies to be filled?
- 4) Of the vacancies identified in question 1, how many of these vacancies relate to services providing nursing care for people with dementia?

Response

1. As of 6 August 2018 there were 34.4 WTE registered nursing vacancies in NHS Borders.
2. No WTE registered nursing vacancies are budgeted for in this finance year.
3. The average time for WTE vacancies to be filled in NHS Borders is 8 weeks.
4. Of the vacancies identified above, 4.58 WTE vacancies are within Medicine for the Elderly and Mental Health who care for people with dementia.

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 **387-18** 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.