

Freedom of Information

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I. Introduction

The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) was introduced on 1st January 2005. The Act requires all public authorities in Scotland to make any information they hold available on request. The implementation of the Act required the development of an entirely new system to manage requests for information, as well as changes in our individual and organisational attitudes to the confidentiality of the information we produce and of our internal and external communications.

The processes for handling requests for information have now been in place for four years. In that time, systems have been audited and adapted to ensure an efficient and effective use of resources in complying with the Act.

While year three saw a slight reduction in the number of requests received, (115 in the year 2007/08) year four has seen a significant increase to 218 requests received in 2008/09. The range of requests has remained much the same, with the majority coming from the media (57%), and the subjects reflect the issues of interest to the press and the public, such as the cost of treating and managing obesity and rising rates of substance abuse in children and young people. Requests from individual members of the public accounted for 17% of the total, commercial companies for 14% and the remaining 16% between voluntary organisations, members of the Scottish Parliament, trade unions and other public sector bodies.

A full list of the requests received during 2008/09 is provided in Appendix 1.

2. Publication Scheme

The FOISA requires each public authority to draw up a publication scheme. The publication scheme sets out the documents which the organisation will routinely make available to the public, the organisation's contacts and the fee charging scheme. The Scottish Executive Health Department established a national working group to develop a model publication scheme for all NHS organisations within Scotland. This publication scheme was approved by the Scottish Information Commissioner on 16 June 2004 and is posted on the NHS Borders website (www.nhsborders.org.uk).

3. Request Handling

A database has been established to record requests and produce appropriate activity reports. The database records the date of receipt and the date a response is required by, who is handling the request, the date the response is made and any exemptions or other issues. We currently supplement this system with a manual tracking system which allows any member of the team to establish what stage the request has reached, as well as providing a visual reminder of the due date of each response.

4. Activity

Between 1st April 2008 and 31st March 2009, NHS Borders received 218 requests made under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. A full list of the requests made under FOISA during the period is included in Appendix 1 of this report.

4.1 Categories of Requests

As well as recording the number of requests we receive, we categorise the type of applicant we receive requests from. This helps us to look at the type of information requested by the different sectors and advise on proactive publication of specific areas of information.

Table 1 shows the category of applicants making requests. The most significant increase is in requests from the media, up to 99 from 65 in 2007/08 and also from the voluntary sector and the commercial sector. Requests from members of the Scottish Parliament have increased on last year, but this activity has fluctuated widely since the Act was introduced.

| | 2008/09 2007-08 2006-07 | | 2007-08 | | | | | |
|------------------------|-------------------------|-------|---------|-------|----|-------|----|-------|
| Media | 99 | 45.4% | 65 | 56.5% | 74 | 53.6% | 55 | 52.8% |
| Commercial | 34 | 15.6% | 14 | 12.2% | 8 | 5.7% | 8 | 7.6% |
| Public | 29 | 13.3% | 20 | 17.3% | 24 | 17.3% | 29 | 27.8% |
| Scottish Parliament | 28 | 12.8% | 2 | 1.7% | 27 | 19.5% | 8 | 7.6% |
| Voluntary Sector | 17 | 7.78% | 7 | 6.0% | 2 | 1.4% | 2 | 1.9% |
| Staff/Union | 6 | 2.8% | 5 | 4.3% | 2 | 1.4% | 0 | 0% |
| Other Public Sector | 5 | 2.3% | 2 | 1.7% | 1 | 0.7% | 0 | 0% |
| Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0% | 0 | 0% | 2 | 1.9% |
| Total | | 218 | | 115 | | 138 | | 104 |

Table 1: Categories of applicant

4.2 Response Times

Under FOISA, we are required to meet a statutory response time of 20 working days. The actual response time varies greatly depending on the type of request. Some can be answered within a day, for example, when the request is for a copy of a particular document. Other requests are very complex. They may require information to be collected from a number of sources, such as requests for 'all minutes, reports, e-mails and correspondence' relating to a particular topic. Other requests are for data which we hold, but which we do not routinely report on. Wherever possible, we provide the information in these cases, but it often takes longer to collate the information.

In 2008/09, one enquiry was withdrawn by the applicant before a response was sent. Further clarification was sought in a number of cases to ensure we provided the right information. In one of these cases, we did not receive an answer to our request for clarification and were unable to respond to the request. These requests have not been included in the response time data.

When it appears likely that a deadline will be breached, it is our policy to contact the applicant and explain the reasons for the possible delay. In each case the applicant has responded positively to this approach and accepted the reason for requesting an extension to the deadline. Under the FOISA, the applicant's agreement to a delayed response does not alter the outcome. It still constitutes a breach of compliance and we record them as such. However, none of these cases has resulted in a request for an internal review or a complaint to the Information Commissioner.

| | 2008-09 | 2007-08 | 2006-07 | 2005-06 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total number of requests responded to | 216 | 110 | 138 | 104 |
| Number of requests answered within 20 working days | 213 | 107 | 135 | 101 |
| Number of requests answered in more than 20 working days | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Median number of days taken to respond to requests | 18 | 16 | 16 | 15 |

Table 2: Compliance with the 20 working day deadline

| Chart | 1 · R | ande | of | respo | nse | times |
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There were 3 breaches of the 20 working day target during this period. In two cases the

target was exceeded by only 1 day and the third exceeded the deadline by 2 days. These requests and the reasons for missing the deadlines are set out below.

| Ref. no. | Response time (Days) | Details of request and reason for delay in response |
|----------|----------------------------|--|
| 84-08 | 21 | Organisational charts for IT and HR |
| | | The response was delayed by two days due to the late submission of the required information to the response co-ordinator. |
| 96-08 | 21 | Questions relating to prescribing & provision of diabetes drugs |
| | | The response was delayed by one day due to the late submission of the required information to the response co-ordinator. |
| 06-09 | 22 | The number of health board staff convicted of driving while over the legal alcohol limit in each of the past five years categorised by position they are employed as |
| | | The response was delayed by two days due to the late submission of the required information to the response co-ordinator. |

Table 3: Requests where an extension to the response time was requested

Full details of these requests are provided in Appendix 1.

4.3 Outcome of Requests

FOISA provides for the fact that an organisation may not be able to provide all the information requested. There are a range of exemptions specified within the Act as well as recognition that the information may not be held by the organisation or that it may be costly to retrieve it. Where information is not provided by the organisation, the reason must be specified to the applicant and this may be subject to review by the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, at the applicant's request, should they be dissatisfied with the reason or the response itself.

Requests can involve a range of topics or require information to be broken down in specific ways, therefore it is not always possible to provide the applicant with all the information they have requested, either because we do not hold all the information, or because some of it is exempt.

Table 4 shows the outcome of responses and compares them with previous years. Of the 216 requests responded to, 64% were provided with all the information requested.

Table 4: Outcome of requests

| | 2008-09 | 2007-08 | 2006-07 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| All information released | 138 | 64 | 65 | 69 |
| Information part released | 64 | 26 | 43 | 9 |
| Information not held or part not held | 59 | 23 | 30 | 11 |
| Information withheld – cost of compliance | 15 | 17 | 16 | 8 |
| Exemption applied | 7 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Vexatious request | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other (further clarification, invalid request, request withdrawn) | 2 | 5 | 3 | 0 |

4.3.1 Excessive cost of compliance

Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, public authorities are not obliged to provide information if the cost to the organisation of collating the information exceeds the statutory limit set out in the Fees Regulations made under the Act.

While NHS Borders makes every effort to supply the requested information wherever possible, the cost becomes prohibitive in some instances. This is usually where there is no centrally held electronic database and a manual trawl of hard copy files is required. The type of requests where the cost of compliance is prohibitive are those seeking information held in personnel files or which can only be extracted by an audit of medical notes. Details of those requests to which the excessive cost of compliance clause were applied are set out in the table below. In some of these requests the excessive cost of compliance was only applied to part of the request.

| Ref no | Details of request and reasons for use of excessive cost of compliance clause |
|--------|---|
| 47-08 | The number of people currently receiving a methadone prescription, the number of prescriptions that have been continuously in place for: one year, two years, three years, five years or more, the cost per week and the longest continuous methadone prescription on record |
| | The information requested regarding the prescriptions continuously in place is not routinely collated and would require a manual audit of case notes. |
| 53-08 | How many babies were diagnosed as having Neo Natal Abstinence Syndrome between 2003-2007, how many were suffering from opiate withdrawal and how many mothers were deemed to be "drug using"? |
| | The information requested is not routinely collated and can only be ascertained from a manual audit of case notes. |

| 76-08 | The number of incidents of taxi use for staff transportation on business and the total spend associated with this for the years 2006/07 and 2007/08 |
|--------|---|
| | There is no reporting mechanism for providing the number of claims or the total amount paid for taxi bills for staff. Extracting the information would require a manual search through the expenses claim forms of every member of staff. |
| 169-08 | The number of days, on average, that staff took off work in 2003/04, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07 and 2007/08. |
| | Prior to 2006, information relating to absence other than sickness absence was held in hard copy records for each department or service. Information for the periods after 2006 was provided. |
| 189-08 | Details of all contracts with management consultancy since 1st April 2004, including financial auditing services, the date and title of each contract, the time period of the contract, the content of the contract and the value of each contract |
| | Information about the nature of service provided would require a manual trawl of the contract files. Only some of this information was provided in the form of a brief description where available. |
| 1-09 | How many patients have intimated a claim or raised an action related to a delay in the diagnosis of breast cancer, how many were settled out of court, how many found in favour of the patient or the patient's family, how many patients with delays in the diagnosis of breast cancer have come to light by other means |
| | A central database was established in 2003. Prior to this date the information requested was not collated and is held in individual files. Providing this information would require a manual trawl of records. |
| 4-09 | Number of times translators have been employed in each of the past two years and the total cost, what proportion of uses of translators and costs were made by GP surgeries, hospitals or other NHS facilities. |
| | Information on the spend on interpreter and translation services provided to the organisation was not collated until to 2007. Prior to this date, interpreter and translation services were commissioned by individual departments as required. To provide information on spending prior to 2007 would require a manual trawl of invoices across a range of services. |
| 13-09 | Range of questions relating to translation services for deaf and hard of hearing |
| | Responses were made to some of the questions, however, information on spend on interpreter and translation services was not collated prior to 2007. To provide information on spending prior to 2007 would require a manual trawl of invoices. |
| 17-09 | Range of questions relating to referrals and waiting times for assessment and treatment for children who are deaf and hard of hearing |
| | Responses were made to some of the questions, however, a number of questions relating to the classification of the severity of hearing loss were not answered as the information is not routinely collated and would require a manual trawl of individual case notes. |

| 19-09 | Details of monies owed by non-EU nationals for treatments received, including sex/age of the patient, facility where treatment carried out, description of treatment, cost of the individual treatment, overall cost of owed treatments, nationality of the patient. |
|-------|--|
| | Information on the sex of the patient can only be obtained by trawling individual patient case notes. The rest of the information was provided. |
| 23-09 | Use of consultants used in last two financial years broken down by how much each consultant has been paid, the name of the organisation/individual, the reason for hiring the consultant and a list reports produced next to the name of the consultant. |
| | Some of the details of the services provided were not available without a manual trawl of invoices. |
| 25-09 | Outstanding repair or maintenance works to parts of the NHS estate which are not to be carried out immediately, the reason, details of the required work including cost. |
| | If any decision has been taken not to carry out repair or maintenance work on budgetary grounds or that facilities will be replaced in time what these works would have entailed |
| | The response to question 2 could not be provided without a manual trawl of records, however, the total budget was provided. |
| 26-09 | How many young people were engaged in counselling or support for alcohol abuse by age. |
| | The database from which this information is collated does not identify whether the person was referred for alcohol or drug counselling. To collect this information would require a manual trawl of individual patient case notes. |
| 29-09 | Number of people charged for NHS care in each of the past four years who were not entitled to receive this care for free, the total value of this treatment, how much was actually collected, how much outstanding debt has been written off, summary of the types of procedures and the patient's country of origin. |
| | Information regarding the types of procedure is not collated. To provide this information would require a manual trawl through the individual case notes. |
| 36-09 | The amount spent on consultancy services in 07-08, 08-09 and the projects/work undertaken by consultancy service providers |
| | A response was provided, however, some of the details of the services provided were not available without a manual trawl of invoices. |

Full details of these requests are provided in Appendix 1.

4.4 Use of Exemptions

Under FOISA a public authority can refuse to provide requested information that it holds if the information falls within one or more of the categories of exempt information listed in Part 2 of the Act. Exemptions may be applied to all of the information requested or to only part of a request. One or more of the exemptions was applied to some, or all of the information considered in seven (3%) of the 216 requests responded to. The most commonly applied exemption was Section 38 – Personal Information. Often this means that the information requested is protected under the Data Protection Act 1998. In one request, three different exemptions were applied.

| | 2008-09 | 2007-08 | 2006-07 | 2005-06 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Section 27 Information intended for future publication | - | - | - | 1 |
| Section 29 Formulation of Scottish Administration Policy etc. | - | - | - | 1 |
| Section 33 Commercial interests and the economy | 3 | 1 | - | - |
| Section 36 | 1 | - | - | - |
| Confidentiality Section 38 Personal Information | 5 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Section 39 Health, Safety And The Environment | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| Total | 9 | 6 | 5 | 5 |

Table 6: Instances of use of exemptions in responses.

| Table 7: Details | of use | of exem | ptions |
|------------------|--------|---------|--------|
|------------------|--------|---------|--------|

| Ref no | Details of request and use of exemption | Exemption section no |
|--------|--|------------------------|
| 41-08 | How many staff members do you employ with the word "equality" or "diversity" in their job titles, what is the total yearly salary (basic) of all of these individuals, the salary of the highest-earning individual and equivalent figures for 2003-04. | 38 |
| | The salary of the highest earning individual was not provided as this individual could be identified. | |
| 114-08 | Papers and correspondence connected with the application by Chirnside Pharmacy Limited to obtain an NHS pharmacy contract | 38, 36(I), 33(I)(b) |
| | Personal information is exempt under Section 38 and we therefore redacted such information from one of the documents. | |
| | All correspondence providing legal advice was withheld under Section 36(i) Confidentiality of Communications. | |
| | Documents relating to pharmacy dispensing figures were withheld under Section 33(i)(b) – Commercial Interests and the economy. | |

| 122-08 | How much has your organisation paid for public relations; public affairs; crisis management; media relations; strategic communications; government relations; parliamentary intelligence. List the individual/ organisation providing the service. | 33(1)(b) |
|--------|--|----------|
| | The names of the companies contracted to provide this service were withheld under Section 33 (1) (b) Commercial Interests. | |
| 123-08 | Window and doors contracts - description of contract, start date, duration, value, supplier, procurement leader | 33(1)(b) |
| | The names of the companies contracted to provide this service were withheld under Section 33 (1) (b) Commercial Interests. | |
| 140-08 | How many non-medical and medical staff earn salaries of more than £100,000 per year, the highest salary paid to a non-medical member of staff and to a member of medical staff for last 5 years | 38 |
| | The exemption was applied to the highest salary information salaries as this is personal and protected under the Data Protection Act, the small number of people involved would make identification possible. We did, however provide the banding of the highest paid member on non-clinical staff and the number of medical staff paid in excess of £150,000. | |
| 143-08 | How many vasectomy operations have been carried out in the last five financial years broken down to show age, hospital, cost of each op, overall cost of vasectomy ops for the last 5 years | 38 |
| | The number of operations was withheld as the small number of people in this category could make identification possible. | |
| 3-09 | The number of executives and senior managers in your organisation within each pay band, performance levels, percentage pay increases, total salaries, performance targets. | 38(1)(b) |
| | The exemption was applied to performance levels and total salaries as this is personal and protected under the Data Protection Act | |

Full details of these requests are provided in Appendix 1.

4.5 Resource Implications

In order to address resource issues and to monitor the time spent dealing with FOI requests individual departments have been asked to log the amount of time spent dealing with FOI requests. The majority of people involved in providing responses consider this to be part of their general workload and do not record the time it takes to complete the task. However, in responding to FOI requests, the following levels of staff made a significant contribution to the response.

| Staff type | number of contributions to a response | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| | 2008-09 | 2007-08 | 2006-07 | 2005-06 | |
| Managers & staff | 105 | 89 | 74 | 81 | |
| Senior managers | 73 | 61 | 53 | 38 | |
| Allied Health Professionals | 19 | 4 | 10 | - | |
| Medical staff | 15 | 14 | 4 | 11 | |
| Nursing staff | 13 | 6 | 16 | - | |
| Directors | 10 | 14 | 34 | 31 | |

Table 8: Staff groups contributing to responses

The table below sets out the departments that have been involved in providing responses to requests.

Table 9: Departments contributing to responses

| Department | Number | of contribut | ions to a res | sponse |
|--|---------|--------------|---------------|---------|
| | 2008-09 | 2007-08 | 2006-07 | 2005-06 |
| Business Management (latterly Public Involvement & Communication) | 39 | 17 | 20 | 3 |
| Finance | 38 | 21 | 25 | 7 |
| Human Resources | 23 | 10 | 15 | 1 |
| Estates & Facilities | 21 | 10 | 12 | 6 |
| Planning & Performance (Information) | 19 | 14 | 22 | 5 |
| Pharmacy | 16 | 10 | 4 | - |
| Primary & Community Services | 14 | 7 | 7 | 3 |
| Risk, Health & Safety | 9 | 5 | 4 | 3 |
| Information Management & Technology | 8 | 7 | 5 | - |
| Laboratory (Infection Control) | 8 | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| Mental Health Services | 7 | 4 | 3 | - |
| Borders General Hospital Management | 6 | 7 | 3 | - |
| Public Health | 6 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Allied Health Professionals | 6 | - | - | - |
| Equality & Diversity | 5 | - | - | - |
| Women's Health | 4 | 5 | 5 | - |
| Clinical Governance | 4 | 4 | 0 | 3 |

| Department | Number of contributions to a response | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--|
| | 2008-09 | 2007-08 | 2006-07 | 2005-06 | |
| Paediatrics | 3 | 4 | 0 | - | |
| Drug & Alcohol Action Team | 3 | 2 | 3 | - | |
| Organisational Change & Development | 3 | 2 | 0 | - | |
| Dental Services | 3 | - | - | - | |
| Occupational Health | 2 | 7 | 2 | - | |
| Anaesthetics | 2 | 2 | 4 | - | |
| Medical Services | 2 | - | - | - | |
| Chaplaincy | 1 | - | - | - | |
| Diagnostics | 1 | - | - | - | |
| Health Promotion | 1 | - | - | - | |
| Learning Disability Service | 1 | - | - | - | |
| Medical Director | 1 | - | - | - | |
| Surgical Services | 1 | - | - | - | |
| Psychological Therapies | 1 | - | - | - | |
| Partnership Office | - | 2 | 0 | - | |

5 Requests for review

Under FOISA, the applicant is entitled to request a review of the processes and of the response provided by the organisation. In the first instance, this will be an internal review, undertaken by senior managers and chaired by a non-executive director. If the applicant remains dissatisfied, the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner may be asked to carry out a review.

There have been no requests for an internal review in 2008/09, and no applications have been referred to the Information Commissioner for investigation.

6 Audit and monitoring

The Public Involvement & Communications Team maintains a register of all requests for information. The register includes the action taken on each application, any fees charged and the time taken to respond to the request. This register also helps to ensure consistency in dealing with requests, by providing information on whether similar requests have been made and what information was provided, exemptions claimed and any reviews carried out.

A quarterly activity report and an annual report are presented to the Information Governance Committee and submitted to the Audit Committee as part of the monitoring process.

The processes for managing requests made under the Freedom of Information Act have been monitored through the NHS Borders Internal Audit and reported to the Audit Committee. In 2008/09, the follow up report from the internal audit of FOI processes and procedures was produced. The audit returned an evaluation of fully satisfactory on each of the objectives:

- There are adequate, appropriately reviewed policy and procedure in place.
- The response process remains in compliance with the FOISA.
- There are appropriately approved, extant, records management policy & publication schemes.
- All staff are aware of the process for handling enquiries made under FOISA.
- There are adequate monitoring and reporting mechanisms in place.

The Public Involvement & Communications Team also contribute to the work being undertaken to achieve the national Information Governance Standards.

Appendix 1

List of all requests received in the year 1st April 2008 to 31st March 2009

| ID | Date Received | response time (Days) | category | details of request | outcome |
|----|------------------|----------------------------|---------------------|--|---|
| 37 | 1-Apr-08 | 20 | Media | What percentage of your procurement budget is spent on goods which carry the Fairtrade mark or which you can show are otherwise ethically sourced? What checks are you making to ensure that nothing bought on behalf of the Scottish public exploits workers or breaches International Labour Organisation rules, throughout the supply chain, including sub-contractors? What are the top 5 biggest contracts for products which include non-EU source material? For these contracts, what are the goods, the suppliers, the costs and what countries are the key materials and labour sourced from? With regard to uniforms and bedding, what countries are the key materials and labour sourced from? | part not held |
| 38 | 4.Apr-08 | 3 | Media | The amount of medication prescribed to patients to suppress appetite or reduce the amount of fat absorbed by the body (ie Orlistat) between January 2005 and March 2008, including the number of patients treated with such drugs. The total cost of supplying the aforementioned drugs to patients. | All information released |
| 39 | 9-Apr-08 | 14 | Voluntary Sector | Questionnaire regarding neonatal service provision | All information released |
| 40 | 10-Apr-08 | 18 | Media | On how many occasions have patients been transferred to a hospital in another NHS board area because of a shortage of beds, in each of the calendar years 2003-2007 inclusive? For each of these incidents, please supply me with: details of the nature of the individual's condition, the hospital the patient was due to receive treatment in and the hospital the patient was transferred to. | All information released |
| 41 | 10-Apr-08 | 19 | Media | a) How many staff members do you employ with the word "equality" or "diversity" - or both words - in their job titles? b) Collectively what is the total yearly salary (basic) of all of the individuals with either the word "equality" or "diversity" - or both - in their job title? (ie the salaries of all the individuals added up) c) Of all of these individuals, please provide the salary of the highest-earning. d) Please provide equivalent figures for a), b) & c) for 2003-04. | Part released, part exempt, section 38 |
| 42 | 14-Apr-08 | 1 | Commercial | Provide the following information:- Head of ICT, Chief Technical Officer, Key Personnel Responsible for Shared Services, Network Manager, Application Manager, Hardware Manager. Please could you provide me with their names, telephone, email addresses and full address. | All information released |

| ID | Date Received | response time (Days) | category | details of request | outcome |
|----|------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--|--|
| 43 | 14-Apr-08 | 10 | Other NHS | Are you a latex free hospital? Or latex glove free hospital? Do you have any latex free designated areas? Do you have any staff that are confirmed latex allergy cases? If so what control measures do you have in place? Have you had any serious incidents involving staff or patients who have been exposed to latex? | All information released |
| 44 | 16-Apr-08 | 8 | Media | How many gender reassignment operations were carried out in each of the past 10 years, giving details of the type of gender change, and at what cost? | All information released |
| 45 | 18-Apr-08 | 20 | Scottish Parliament | The number of recorded falls by patients in hospitals within your NHS board area, broken down for each year since 2003. The number of patients who were recorded as falling in hospital and who sustained additional injury as a result of that fall broken down for each year since 2003 in your NHS Board area. | All information released |
| 46 | 22-Apr-08 | 4 | Voluntary Sector | How many people in Scotland with mental health issues were placed into specialist mental health services/residential mental health services in England and/or Wales over the past 5 years? How much is the spend? Why was this commissioned? | All information released |
| 47 | 22-Apr-08 | 11 | Media | The number of people in this NHS area currently receiving a methadone prescription in this NHS area. The number of methadone prescriptions that have been continuously in place for: 1. one year 2. two years 3. three years 4. five years or more. The cost of these prescriptions per week. The longest continuous methadone prescription on record in this area | Part released, part withheld excessive cost of compliance |
| 48 | 24-Apr-08 | 20 | Media | Details of all staff 'team building' events including activity days, teambuilding exercises, corporate events and away-days for staff and funded or part-funded by your organisation. Please provide information on the type of event, the location, the number of staff involved and the type of job they are employed by your organisation to do. Please also provide the cost of all activities/events to your organisation. Please provide the information for the last financial year April 2007 to March 2008. | Part released, part not held |
| 49 | 1-May-08 | | Media | How much has NHS Borders paid to foreign locum doctors in the past 12 months?" By foreign, I mean GPs that are drafted in from outwith Scotland. This could obviously include England and other parts of the UK. Can you detail the number of A: overseas foreign locum doctors and B: non-overseas foreign locum doctors. How much does the highest paid foreign locum doctor get paid per shift and per hour? And where is he/she from? Is he from overseas or within the UK? Can you specify the types of 'foreign locum doctors' used by NHS Borders - ie - are they hospital doctors, consultants, or GPs? How much has NHS Borders paid for foreign locum doctors to cover during 'out of hours'? | received, no response made |

| ID | Date Received | response time | category | details of request | outcome |
|----|------------------|------------------|---------------------|--|---|
| | | (Days) | | | |
| 50 | 1-May-08 | 7 | Voluntary Sector | Is children's vision screening being carried out in the area covered by your PCT - if not please give reasons why At what age(s) are the children screened? Approximately what percentage of children of this age/these ages were screened in 2006/07? Who carries out the screening? (e.g. orthoptists, school nurses, district nurses, lay people using a computer based screening tool) | All information released |
| 51 | 6-May-08 | 9 | Media | Please could you provide me with figures detailing how much Viagra has been prescribed by health workers in your area over the past five years. Could I have these figures broken down into how many per year and what it costs the NHS. Also if possible would you be able to provide a breakdown of the age groups for these prescriptions, ie 40 per cent of the prescriptions were for men aged 30 to 40 and so on. | Part released, part not held |
| 52 | 6-May-08 | 20 | Public | Confirm the position of with NHS Borders during 2003-2003 | All information released |
| 53 | 6-May-08 | 14 | Media | How many babies were diagnosed as having Neo Natal Abstinence Syndrome in hospitals within your NHS board area, in each of the calendar years 2003-2007 inclusive? For question 1, how many were suffering from opiate withdrawal? For each of the calendar years 2003-2007 inclusive, of the mothers who gave birth in hospitals within your NHS board area, how many were deemed to be "drug using"? | Withheld, excessive cost of compliance |
| 54 | 6-May-08 | 19 | Media | How many children (aged 15 and under) were admitted to hospitals within your NHS board area suffering drug-related illnesses or problems, in each of the calendar years 2003-2007 inclusive? How many children (aged 15 and under) reported into Accident & Emergency units within your NHS board area suffering drug-related illnesses or problems, in each of the calendar years 2003-2007 inclusive? How many children (aged 15 and under) died as a result of a drug overdose or a drug-related illness or problem, in each of the calendar years 2003-2007 inclusive? | Part released, part not held |
| 55 | 7-May-08 | 13 | Commercial | Number of staff within the trust Structure of the Trust Chief Executive contact details- Email and Direct Line Chief Finance Officer/Head of Finance contact details- Email and Direct Line Head of ICT contact details- Email and Direct Line Head of Estates contact details- Emails and Direct Line | All information released |
| 56 | 8-May-08 | 17 | Public | The total amount that NHS Borders has reimbursed its staff for mileage using their own personal cars for business use. A breakdown where possible on the amount per mile and how many journeys this represents | Part released, part not held |
| 57 | 15-May-08 | 12 | Media | Details of when and in what circumstances you have made use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act. | Information not held |

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| 58 | 21-May-08 | (Days) 8 | Media | How many male breast-reduction procedures (gynaecomastia) have been carried out by the Health Board over the past three years, by year and by age, including under-16s | All information released |
| 59 | 21-May-08 | 12 | Media | The number of smoking shelters/smoking rooms in each hospital in your health board area and who these can be used by ie. staff, patients, visitors? I also request comparative figures on this for the year 2005. | All information released |
| 60 | 21-May-08 | 8 | Scottish Parliament | What percentage of hospitals in your health board area operate the Hospital at Night system? Which clinical staff are required to be physically present overnight in those hospitals that operate the Hospital at Night system? Which clinical staff are required to be physically present overnight in those hospitals that do not operate the Hospital at Night system? On how many occasions in the past year has each hospital in your health board area been staffed overnight by junior doctors without more senior colleagues being physically present? What doctor:patient ratio do you aim to maintain overnight in each of the hospitals in your health board area? On how many occasions in the past year has the ratio fallen below the stated intention in each hospital in your health board area? Are there any recorded cases of patient safety being jeopardised because of insufficient overnight staffing at each of the hospitals in your health board area? How many reports of untoward incidences or near-misses have been reported to the clinical governance committee or its equivalent, while Hospital at Night is operating? Have you received or recorded any complaints about Hospital at Night from patients or staff? | All information released |
| 61 | 21-May-08 | 8 | Media | Number of nurses working for the health board who also have a second job. Could you also tell me the nature of this second job | Part released, part not held |
| 62 | 23-May-08 | 6 | Public | How many occasions the Board has approved funding for treatment with the drugs Sorafenib and/or Sunitib in years 2007, 2008 to date? How many applications for funding for treatment with the drug Sorafenib and/or Sunitibwere received in the years 2007, 2008 to date A copy of NHS Borders exceptional case/funding policy/procedure for non SMC approved drugs. | All information released |
| 63 | 23-May-08 | 19 | Media | The number of times that palliative/terminal sedation has been used within the NHS board annually over the last five years. The NHS board's policy on the use of palliative or terminal sedation. | All information released |
| 64 | 27-May-08 | 20 | Commercial | Number of IVF cycles funded per couple Potential cycles based on eligible female population and EAGISS guidance Estimated number of cycles currently undertaken Waiting time (months) | All information released |

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| 65 | 27-May-08 | 19 | Media | The number of junior doctors in your health board employed on rotas which currently exceed the 48-hour European Working Time Directive limit which is due to come into force next year. The percentage of junior doctors in your board area who are employed on rotas which currently exceed the 48 hour European Working Time Directive limit which is due to come into force next year. The number of hospital departments in your health board area where junior doctors are working on a rota which currently exceeds the 48-hour European Working Time Directive limit which is due to come into force next year. The number of hours worked per week by junior medical staff on the rota which exceeds next year's 48 hour European Working Time Directive limit by the most number of hours. The projected financial cost of bringing all outstanding rotas in line with the 48-hour European Working Time Directive in time for the deadline of August 2009? In addition, please could you send me a copy of the action plan the board has drawn up for achieving compliance with the new European Working Time Directive limit by the deadline of August 2009. | |
| 66 | 27-May-08 | 5 | Media | How many cases there have been of a patient being mistakenly diagnosed as dead. Would also like details on the circumstances surrounding the misdiagnoses including how it happened, how it was discovered to be wrong, and what the aftermath was. Has there ever been a public apology, a payout or court action because of this? | |
| 67 | 27-May-08 | 18 | Media | How many girls under 16 are being allowed abortions each year? What is the youngest age a girl has had an abortion? What factors are taken into account when deciding if an abortion is suitable for an under 16 girl? Are abortions on young girls on the rise? | Information available elsewhere |
| 68 | 28-May-08 | 20 | Public | A list of all building projects passed for development since January 2005 to the value of £5 million or more. A copy of all tender submissions on all building projects relating to buildings and NHS facilities which have been passed. What building projects have been / are currently being proposed/considered, tendered for? Please provide a list of the names of those companies who have tendered for each building project, Please provide a list relative to the above list, the value of their tender, also please identify the winning tender for each of the building projects. Please provide a summary of the selection process and how decisions are made in terms of the successful tender. Please provide any paperwork required to be read, completed to submit tenders for future building works. | All information released |
| 69 | 29-May-08 | 18 | Staff | All documentation relating to any meetings/reports of the job matching panel relating to the second post and any notes on how a decision was reached not to job match against a national profile. | All information released |
| 70 | 29-May-08 | 7 | Scottish Parliament | The total amount spent on fuel for NHS vehicles for each year since 2005. The total energy bill NHS Borders has incurred for each year since 2005. | All information released |

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| 71 | 2-Jun-08 | 16 | Media | The two most recent kitchen hygiene inspection reports for each hospital under your control. | All information released |
| 72 | 3-Jun-08 | 19 | Commercial | Total spent on hiring translators for patients in each of the last three years for; 1. Medical services. 2. Dental Services. If you are able to say what languages need to be translated most commonly, that would be a help. A statement explaining the need for such expense would also be of assistance, | All information released |
| 73 | 3-Jun-08 | 19 | Commercial | The amount spent on translating publications, including your website, in each of the last three years. If you are able to say into which languages you have material translated that would be a help. | All information released |
| 74 | 16-May-08 | 20 | Public | Copies of statements and documents related to termination of employment | All information released |
| 75 | 4-Jun-08 | 14 | Voluntary Sector | Data on the number of ECT (electro-convulsive therapy) administrations given in Hospitals governed by NHS Borders, for the last five years. | All information released |
| 76 | 16-Jun-08 | 12 | Public | The number of incidents of taxi use for staff transportation on business and the total spend associated with this for the years 2006/07 and 2007/08 | Withheld, excessive cost of compliance |
| 77 | 16-Jun-08 | 14 | Commercial | A copy of an organizational chart for both IM&T, and information Governance, as well as a copy of the current IM&T Strategy document. | All information released |
| 78 | 20-Jun-08 | 17 | Media | Details of all outbreaks of MRSA, Clostridium difficile and Stenotrophomonas maltophilia (also known as Steno) recorded by the NHS board in the last year. Please note that I would like this broken down by hospital ward, including the name of the ward, the hospital in which it is located, the superbug involved, the number of patients infected during the outbreak and the number that died as a result for the last financial year (April 07 to March 08) | All information released |
| 79 | 25-Jun-08 | 20 | Public | Capital Plan 0809, Capital Programme 0809, Estates Strategy 0809, Estates Delivery Plan 0809, Facilities Management Strategy 0809, Estates Structure, Facilities Management Structure | Part released, part not held |
| 80 | 26-Jun-08 | 13 | Voluntary Sector | Questionnaire relating to exceptional funding | All information released |

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| 81 | 1-Jul-08 | 20 | Voluntary Sector | Does your Local Health Board have a system in place to ensure ongoing physiotherapy for patients with muscular dystrophy and related conditions where required? Does your Local Health Board currently support a muscle clinic that offers a comprehensive service to (a) children and (b) adults with neuromuscular condition? f you do support a muscle clinic for children and/or adults, where is the clinic located and who is the lead clinician/Head of service? If patients are referred out of the local area, please could you indicate numbers and provide details. Do you have a system in place to ensure that adults and children with muscular dystrophy receive home ventilation? Do you have dedicated links and policies /protocols with Education and Social Work Services in relation to transitions? Do you have protocols and arrangements for assessment and provision of community equipment? | |
| 82 | 4-Jul-08 | 2 | Media | How many people have been admitted/discharged under the age of 40 with the diagnosis of alcoholic liver disease recorded for the year 2007 in your health board. Can you also break the figures down into what type of condition was diagnosed (i.e. was it alcoholic hepatitis, cirrhosis of the liver etc). Can you also include the age of the youngest sufferer diagnosed with alcoholic liver disease that year if possible. Also would it be possible to supply the same corresponding figures for the calendar years 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006? | All information released |
| 83 | 9-Jul-08 | 4 | Union | Number of assaults on staff, nature of assault, category of worker, area of work, for 2007/08 | All information released |
| 84 | 10-Jul-08 | 21 | Commercial | Organisational charts for IT and HR | All information released |
| 85 | 14-Jul-08 | 20 | Scottish Parliament | Cognitive behaviour therapy - how many staff and WTE are trained in CBT How many sessions of clinical work are available? How many trained therapists are fully utilising these skills? What plans do we have to increase the use of previously trained staff? What plans do we have to train new staff to meet these new targets? | All information released |
| 86 | 14-Jul-08 | 20 | Scottish Parliament | Information on how we are to achieve the standards for Investing in Volunteers Is there currently a Volunteer co-ordinator for the Board? | All information released |
| 87 | 14-Jul-08 | 20 | Scottish Parliament | What data is collected by the Board on falls in older people? What action has been taken in the light of the work of the falls working group and issuing of HDL on 21st Feb 2007? | All information released |

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| 88 | 14-Jul-08 | 20 | Scottish Parliament | Copy of all standard correspondence being sent to patients who are being removed from waiting lists (outpatient, inpatient or day case including diagnostics) How many complaints have been received in the first six months of new ways waiting times as a result of: a) removal from any waiting list b) failure to meet waiting times targets c) Transfer to another consultant d) Transfer to another Health Board e) From any referrer following removal of their patient from the list How many outpatients and inpatients were removed from the waiting list in the first quarter? How many of those were previously on the ASC list? | All information released |
| 89 | 14-Jul-08 | 20 | Scottish Parliament | What funding is being and was provided from ring fenced national funds and what is being and was budgeted for from other sources (please state which specific funding source) for 2007/08, 2008/09, 2009/10 and 2010/11 | Information not held |
| 90 | 15-Jul-08 | 6 | Media | How many people have been admitted/discharged under the age of 40 with the diagnosis of alcoholic liver disease recorded for the year 2007 in your health board. Can you also break the figures down into what type of condition was diagnosed (i.e. was it alcoholic hepatitis, cirrhosis of the liver etc). Can you also include the age of the youngest sufferer diagnosed with alcoholic liver disease that year | All information released |
| 91 | 16-Jul-08 | 6 | Media | Over the past three years, what percentage of hospital admissions for drug-related illness have been female patients, and what percentage have been male? Please give me a breakdown for each of the three years, and include the number of cases if possible. Over the past three years, what percentage of hospital admissions for alcohol-related illness have been female patients, and what percentage have been male? Please give me a breakdown for each of the three years, and include the number of cases if possible. | All information released |
| 92 | 17-Jul-08 | 20 | Media | Details of all incidents where confidential patient data has been lost or stolen or gone missing or found to have been erroneously placed or sent. This includes any files, case details and health or medical information held electronically or on hard copies or on any other format including but not limited to laptops or disks. Please provide all information of all cases in your health board area over the past three years. | |

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| 93 | 22-Jul-08 | 18 | Voluntary Sector | How many full time equivalent health visitors who work with children under five did you have working in your CHP in June 08? How many health visitors, full and part time, who work with children under five did you have working in your CHP in June 08? Do you have any specialist health visitors who work with other groups e.g. the elderly, looked after children, travellers etc? If so, how many did you have in June 08 and what are their specialisms? Do you employ other staff in health visitor teams working with children under 5, if so who are they and how many do you have? At what ages do health visitors in your area conduct regular check-ups of children? How many routine visits would a new mother in your CHP receive from a health visitor? How are health visitors organised in your CHP area? Are health visitors attached to an individual GP's surgery/health centre or to a cluster of GPs' surgeries/health centres? How many children under five do you have living in your CHP area (latest available figures)? How much did your CHP spend per child under 5 per head in the year to end March 08? | |
| 94 | 24-Jul-08 | 20 | Scottish Parliament | What are the current waiting time for (i) cognitive behavioural therapy, (ii) psychiatry and (iii) psychology for this year and for the past three years? What are the out-of hours emergency services available for unregistered dental patients, given that many patients are registered with a private dental practitioner due to the lack of NHS dentists in their area? | All information released |
| 95 | 28-Jul-08 | 14 | Voluntary Sector | Details of any services commissioned locally for people with a neuromuscular disease as requested in the following questions regarding wheelchair services: does your Health Board have a dedicated budget for the provision of wheelchairs for people with muscular dystrophy and related neuromuscular conditions? Does your Health Board recognise the progressive nature of muscular dystrophy and related conditions and provide regular assessments for wheelchair users with these conditions? What is the average waiting time for a) manual and b) powered wheelchairs? What is the average waiting time for wheelchair assessment? | All information released |
| 96 | 29-Jul-08 | 21 | Commercial | Questions relating to prescribing & provision of diabetes drugs | All information released |

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| 97 | 30-Jul-08 | 11 | Media | In each of the last two financial years (06/07, 07/08) - How many patients have applied to the PCT for these drugs? How many have been given them? We have attached a copy of our drugs chart for you to fill in these questions. We would also like a copy of an assessment form/assessment documentation which patients would be subjected to when they apply for the above drugs. We have selected 4 drugs, suggested to us by a top Oncologist. These are Avastin - also known as - Becacizumab / Erbitux also known as - Cetuximab / Sutent- also known as - Sunitinib / Nexavar- also known as - Sorafenib | All information released |
| 98 | 5-Aug-08 | 8 | Scottish Parliament | How many private GP clinics are currently in operation in your NHS Board | Information not held |
| 99 | 5-Aug-08 | 18 | Voluntary Sector | What policy and/or staff members does 'NHS Board' have in place to consult older people regarding changes to services or the introduction of new policies and procedures? How are these consultation methods evaluated? | All information released |
| 100 | 6-Aug-08 | 14 | Commercial | Information on NHS Borders' medicines budget, and also a note of actual medicines spend | All information released |
| 101 | 7-Aug-08 | 20 | Media | Since January 2006, how many times have pest controllers been called into premises run by the health board to deal with infestations of animals such as mice, rats, fleas, wasps, maggots etc? Please provide details of the incidents where available, including the pest involved, the location of the incident and the cost of dealing with the problem. What measures are in place to reduce the risk of pest infestations in NHS premises? | Part released, part not held |
| 102 | 7-Aug-08 | 20 | Media | Information on any infestations by pests (including, but not limited to, cockroaches, rats and mice) brought to the attention of the NHS board in the last three years. If possible, I would like copies of any environmental reports produced as a result of a notification, including details of the nature of the infestation, the hospital and specific area where it occurred and steps, including the cost, taken to remedy the problem. | Part released, part not held |
| 103 | 7-Aug-08 | 20 | Media | The number of incidents involving insect or vermin infestations in all the hospitals within your trust and also the number of times pest exterminators have been called out within the last two years. I would like to know specifically the details of any infestations, what type of creature and how the infestation was discovered and where it was discovered. | Part released, part not held |

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| 104 | 8-Aug-08 | 19 | Media | How many reported incidents of pests (including rats, mice, other rodents, birds, bats, insects, cockroaches, pigeons and other birds, fleas, maggots, ants) have been made in your hospitals in the past five years? How many times were pest controllers called to each hospital as a result of such reports? How many of the incidences were considered infestations? How much money was spent on pest control measures during the past five years? Please provide a breakdown of confirmed pest incidents in the following areas, and the type of pests involved, as well as the cost of resolving the problems: Wards Sterile areas Clinical areas Surgical areas Staff areas Canteens, kitchens and other areas set aside for the preparation, sale or consumption of food and/or drink Patient beds or beds in accommodation areas for staff or patient relatives | Part released, part not held |
| 105 | 6-Aug-08 | 20 | Media | All gift and hospitality registers held by the health board, covering each of the last three calendar years | All information released |
| 106 | 8-Aug-08 | 19 | Public | Statistical data from march 2007 to date on the number of patient falls in hospitals covered by the Health Board, including Primary care and University Hospitals broken down by: age of the patient involved, gender of the patient involved, by hospital, by ward/department within each hospital, number of fatalities attributed to inpatient falls. Request that the data is presented by month and year for each of the above categories where it is possible to do so. | All information released |
| 107 | 11-Aug-08 | 13 | Media | Details of all cases of MRSA, Clostridium difficile and Stenotrophomonas maltophilia (also known as Steno) recorded by the NHS board in the last financial year. Please note that I would like this broken down by hospital ward, including the name of the ward, the hospital in which it is located, the superbug involved and the number of patients that died as a result | All information released |
| 108 | 11-Aug-08 | 20 | Media | How many times since the start of 2006 the health board has allowed patients to make co-payments - paying for drugs not available on the NHS privately while still retaining other aspects of their care for that illness free on the NHS? If possible, please provide information on the drugs involved in the co-payment and the date approval was given. How many times since the start of 2006 the health board has declined patients' requests to make co-payments, meaning they have to go fully private or pay for their NHS care in order to also receive the drug they want to pay for themselves? If possible, please provide information on the drugs involved in each case and the date the request was refused. Supply details of the board's policy on co-payments. | All information released |

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| 109 | 11-Aug-08 | (Days) 20 | Scottish Parliament | What is your current structure for health visitor appointments from pregnancy to children aged 5 years old? Are there any proposals to change health visitor appointments from pregnancy to children aged 5 years old? | All information released |
| 110 | 11-Aug-08 | 20 | Scottish Parliament | Details of vermin and insect infestations found in hospitals in your health board area between May 2005 and may 29008 and the number of times pest controllers have been brought into hospitals | Part released, part not held |
| 111 | 5-Aug-08 | 17 | Public | Details of all applications for new NHS pharmacy contracts in your health board area from 1st January 2008 to present, including relocations. Details to include: 1. Address of premises for application made 2. If PPC hearings have been conducted or are pending 3. Minutes from PPC hearing 4. PPC decision 5. Whether appeals were lodged with the National Appeals Panel and 6. The outcome of any appeals lodged | All information released |
| 112 | 5-Aug-08 | 19 | Media | Provide an annual breakdown of the number of clinical and medical staff who have been formally disciplined for offences involving alcohol or drugs at work. For each case please include the job title of the individual who was disciplined ie nurse, consultant etc Provide a brief description of the incident that led to the disciplinary action eg consultant drunk on duty, nurse addicted to alcohol Provide all this information for the following years: 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 to date State what your guidance is on how long staff should refrain from alcohol or drugs before returning to work. | All information released |
| 113 | 1-Aug-08 | 18 | Public | Provide the following info under the freedom of information act, - the minutes of pharmacy practices committee meetings for the Borders health board over the last 5 years - details of applications for new pharmacy contracts in Borders over the last 5 years - details of applicant - address of location applied for - date of application - outcome of application | All information released |
| 114 | 14-Aug-08 | 20 | Commercial | Papers and correspondence connected with the application (and its subsequent appeal) by Chirnside Pharmacy Limited to obtain an NHS pharmacy contract in Chirnside which was rejected by the Pharmacy Practices Committee earlier this year. | Part released, part exempt, 36(1),33(1) (b) |
| 115 | 18-Aug-08 | 19 | Media | The number of interpreters employed and used by your trust in the last year. I would also like to know specifically how much the trust has spent in total in the last year on those interpreters, how much they're paid on an hourly basis and the languages of those involved. | released |

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| 116 | 18-Aug-08 | 20 | Media | How many wards in the hospital? How many beds in the hospital? What is the hospital's occupation rate? How many sigle rooms with en-suite in the hospital? How many staff does the hospital employ? How many of these are a. medical staff b. nurses c. auxiliaries Please express part time staff as a fraction e.g. 0.5. How many of these are for a. staff b. patients c. the public How many of these are for a. staff b. patients c. the public How many of these are for a. staff b. patients c. the public How many of these are for a. staff b. patients c. the public How many of these are for a. staff b. patients c. the public How many of these are for a. staff b. patients c. the public How many of these are for a. staff b. patients c. the public How many of these are for a. staff b. patients c. the public How many of these are for a. staff b. patients c. the public How many for a staff b. patients c. the public How many of these hand washing basins with elbow operated taps are for a. staff b. patients c. the public How many bacterial solution (alcohol gel) dispensers are there within the hospital? Now many bacterial solution (alcohol gel) dispensers are there within the hospital? How many beds meet the guidance of 3.6m between beds? How many beds meet the guidance of 3.6m between beds? How many beds meet the guidance of 3.6m between beds? How many full time infection control staff are employed by the hospital? Please express part time staff as a fraction e.g. Moal infection control staff work full time on infection control seminar in the last year? What is the hospital's budget for this year? What is the hospital's budget for a. 2007 b. 2006 c. 2005 d. 20 | |

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| | | (Days) | | 36a. What is the hospital's laundry policy for patient's own soiled clothes? Please attach. b. Where is soiled clothing kept? c. How does the hospital ensure these clothes don't spread infection? d. Are relatives/ friends expected to take patients' laundry home to wash? 37a. How often is the hospital's hygiene inspected? b. who carries out the inspection? c. is this report made public? | |
| 117 | 14-Aug-08 | 20 | Commercial | In responding to questions 1 to 6 inclusive, please ensure that your answers relate to the following types of services for people with an acquired brain injury: o Category 2: specialised, sub-acute rehabilitation. o Category 3: specialised transitional / step down rehabilitation o Category 4: slow stream rehabilitation. 1) Please tell us, for the financial year 2007-2008, the value of the three largest (by financial expenditure) contracts for residential care which you commissioned in relation to the these category 2, 3 and 4 services. 2) Please tell us the names of the providers who delivered each of these contracts. 3) In total, how many people did you fund to receive residential ABI rehabilitation (within the categories set out above) in the financial year 2007-2008? 4) In total, how much did you spend on the provision of residential ABI rehabilitation (within the categories set out above) in the financial year 2007-2008? 5) Please list the names of the organisations that provide these services, along with: a. The number of people from your location who are currently placed with each organization b. The date when the organisation's contract is due for renewal (month and year). 6) If you have plans to issue tenders in relation to the provision of acquired brain injury services, please indicate when these tenders will be released (month and year). 7) Please tell us the name, e-mail address and telephone number of the manager responsible for Continuing Care. 8) Please tell us the name, e-mail address and telephone number of the manager responsible for Continuing Care. | All information released |
| 118 | 20-Aug-08 | 20 | Media | On how many occasions has a dead body lain in a hospital bed in a ward occupied by patients for three or more hours in the years 2006, 2007 and 2008? Provide details of each incident, including hospital, length of stay and reason the body was not removed sooner. Re question 1, how many complaints has the NHS board received for such incidents? | Part released |
| 119 | 21-Aug-08 | 17 | Media | Please provide a list of all internal audit reports produced in the last financial year. | All information released |

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| 120 | 26-Aug-08 | 19 | Media | Details of all gifts/donations/expenses-paid trips from pharmaceutical companies to doctors and hospital staff in the last year. I wish to find out the name of the pharmaceutical firm, the cost, and the member of staff's place of work, and the nature of the trip (including destination) and/or gift. | Part released, part not held |
| 121 | 28-Aug-08 | 12 | Media | How many times during the period 1 August 2006 to 1 August 2008 were pest control companies employed by your Health Board. If any companies were employed, when did this happen? What hospitals were they deployed to? What was the nature of the call-out? IE What problem were they required to deal with? How was the problem resolved? | Part released, part not held |
| 122 | 28-Aug-08 | 16 | Media | How much, in each of the last three calendar years, has your organisation paid for the following services? Public relations; public affairs; crisis management; media relations; strategic communications; government relations; parliamentary intelligence. For each item of spending, please list the individual/ organisation providing the service. | Part released, part exempt, section 33(1)(b) |
| 123 | 29-Aug-08 | 20 | Public | Window and doors contract with suppliers. Please could you send me the following information: Description of contract, Start Date, Duration, Value, Supplier, Procurement leader | Part released, part exempt, section 33(1)(b) |
| 124 | 29-Aug-08 | 16 | Scottish Parliament | The levels of efficiency savings required to be found for this financial year and the following two financial years. Details of how these efficiencies are to be achieved. Details of where any savings are to be allocated. | All information released |
| 125 | 29-Aug-08 | 15 | Public | An update on the Beating the Blues programme (a CBT package recommended by NICE). Has NHS Borders successfully implemented the programme to the areas it serves? National targets at this time specify licences should cover 25% of the population, how many licences does the Trust hold? | All information released |
| 126 | 3-Sep-08 | 13 | Media | Details of your health board's 'conflict of interest register', which contains details of any joint working between employees and independent contractors, as set out by the Scottish Executive in its 2003 report 'A Common Understanding - Guidance On Joint Working Between NHS Scotland And The Pharmaceutical Industry' Please supply details for the past three financial years up to the present. I am happy for individual's names to be deleted for data protection purposes. | Information not held |

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| 127 | 10-Sep-08 | 20 | Media | Please provide a breakdown of the names, locations, capacity and security level of each psychiatric care unit within your NHS area. How many people stayed in each psychiatric care unit since 2007? How many people escaped from each psychiatric care unit since 2007? If any, how many of these people remain at large? What security measures are in place at your psychiatric care units and how much did each aspect cost in 2007? What was the total cost to provide security measures at your psychiatric care units in 2007? What, if any, are the additional costs for finding someone if they do escape from a psychiatric care unit? | Part released, part not held |
| 128 | 12-Sep-08 | 11 | Public | How many chaplains, full or part time, from the various religions, are employed by NHS Borders? What is the Whole Time Equivalent (WTE) figure for the number of chaplains employed by NHS Borders? What is the total annual cost to NHS Borders of employing these chaplains? | information released |
| 129 | 12-Sep-08 | 20 | Union | Any statistics you keep on sickness absence due to workplace stress. Information on how you have complied with HSE Stress Management Standards and what results, responses you have had. Any policies which cover how you have dealt with the HSE Standards | Part released, part not held |
| 130 | 15-Sep-08 | 10 | Public | How many 'chaplains', full or part-time, from various religions are employed by your NHS Trust? What is the total annual cost to the Borders NHS Trust of employing these 'chaplains'? | All information released |
| 131 | 15-Sep-08 | 19 | Public | Total amount reimbursed to staff for mileage using personal cars for business use. Amount per mile and how many journeys this represents. Total amount spent on car hire and number of hires or rental days Number of incidents of taxi use for staff transportation on business and the total spend associated with this. | Part released, part not held |
| 132 | 19-Sep-08 | 15 | Commercial | In the year to 31 March 2008 please provide statistics for: The number of violent or aggressive or potentially violent and aggressive incidents reported in each hospital for that year. The number of times hospital security were called to these incidents. The number of occasions the police attended violent or aggressive incidents in each hospital for that year. Of these, the number of incidents that occurred in Accident and Emergency departments. The man-hours lost through violent and aggressive incidents | Part released, part not held |
| 133 | 22-Sep-08 | 20 | Scottish Parliament | How many women in the health board area have been transferred to a hospital outwith their home NHS area as a result of a shortage of neonatal care in each of the last 5 years | All information released |

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| 134 | 24-Sep-08 | 20 | Commercial | I am looking for Prescribing Incentive Schemes 2008/09, if these documents are not yet available could you please give me a date for publishing. I am also looking for Enhanced Prescribing Services within the Trust. We intend to re-use on our database any information supplied by your organisation as result of this request. | Part released, part not held |
| 135 | 29-Sep-08 | 19 | Media | On how many occasions have staff in your health board breached data privacy rules or accessed patient information without authorisation since 2006? If possible, please break down by calendar year. Please provide details of these incidents? Please confirm how many of these incidents resulted in formal disciplinary action being taken? How many reports of lost or missing data have been recorded by your health board since 2006? If possible, please break down by calendar year. Please provide details of these incidents? Please provide details of these incidents? Please provide details of these incidents? | |
| 136 | 30-Sep-08 | 17 | Media | All reports indicating theft, loss or misuse of any alcohol-based hand-cleaning gel like Spirigel (though not exclusively) in your hospitals in the last three years. | All information released |
| 137 | 1-Oct-08 | 16 | Commercial | Please can you send me your Health boards formulary listings, and in particular for skin care | Pharmacy handled as a charge is made for providing a copy of the formulary |
| 138 | 3-Oct-08 | 15 | Commercial | List detailing all employment vacancies for the role of Occupational Health Physician from September 2005 to present | All information released |
| 139 | 9-Oct-08 | 8 | Union | Request for financial performance report September 2008 | All information released |
| 140 | 13-Oct-08 | 20 | Media | 1 How many non-medical staff earn salaries of more than £100,000 per year? I'd like figures for the last five years with a year by year breakdown. 2 How many medical staff earn salaries of more than £100,000 per year? I'd like figures for the last five years with a year by year breakdown. 3 What is the highest salary paid to a non-medical member of staff at the moment? 4 What is the highest salary paid to a medical member of staff at the moment? | Part released, part exempt, section 38 |

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| 141 | 13-Oct-08 | 5 | Commercial | Could you please provide a schedule of all current and pending applications for new Pharmacy Licenses. Could you please provide all previous applications from Jan 2008 to present, including any 'relocation of existing' license applications. Could you please provide details of the applications inc. Applicant, Post Code of proposed site, when they are due to be heard at Local Panel and National Appeal Panel if applicable and decision of each application | All information released |
| 142 | 17-Oct-08 | 4 | Media | Details on every piece of land/property sold since January 1st 2004. I want to know which land/property was sold, for how much, when, and to whom. | All information released |
| 143 | 20-Oct-08 | 15 | Media | How many vasectomy operations have your authority carried out in the last five financial years? Where possible could this information be broken down to show: 1. The age of the male patient? 2. The hospital the op was carried out in? 3. The cost of an individual op to the health board. 4. The overall cost of vasectomy ops for the last five financial years? | Part released, part exempt, section 38 |
| 144 | 21-Oct-08 | 2 | Media | Information about your health board's pension fund: (a) the value of the fund 12 months ago (b) the value of the fund 6 months ago (c) the most up-to-date value of the fund (d) the most up-to-date size of any estimated shortfall in the fund, given projected pension payments to scheme members. If your board does not operate its own pension fund, I would be grateful if you could indicate which body does this on your behalf. If your board operates the pension fund on behalf of other bodies, I would be grateful if you could list these in your answer. | Information not held |
| 145 | 21-Oct-08 | 2 | Media | Provide the following information about your health board's pension fund: (a) the number and value of shares held in banks and building societies 12 months ago, broken down by company (b) the number and value of shares held in bank and building societies 6 months ago, broken down by company (c) the most up-to-date number and value of shares held in banks and building societies, broken down by company (d) the number and value of shares held in bank and building societies 6 months ago, broken down by company (e) the most up-to-date number and value of shares held in banks and building societies, broken down by company (f) your board does not operate its own pension fund, I would be grateful if you could indicate which body does this on your behalf. If your board operates the pension fund on behalf of other bodies too, I would be grateful if you could list these in your answer. | Information not held |

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| 146 | 23-Oct-08 | 20 | Media | On how many wards in NHS Borders was an audit carried out for the 4th audit under the Compliance with Hand Hygiene campaign? How many wards are there in NHS Borders? How long was spent conducting the monitoring required on each of the wards audited for the 4th audit under the Compliance with Hand Hygiene campaign? Please break down so it is clear the time spent on each ward. On how many of the wards audited were staff informed in advance the audit would take place? On how many of the wards audited were staff aware the audit was taking place, while it was taking place? On how many wards audited were staff unaware the audit was taking place? | Part released, part not held |
| 147 | 27-Oct-08 | 19 | Media | Figures for the number of babies born in your area in each of the years 2005, 2006 and 2007 addicted to drugs. | Part released |
| 148 | 29-Oct-08 | 4 | Media | Who is in charge of organising/managing disposals of redundant IT equipment within the Health Board? Is there a person specifically dedicated to this? Do you currently have a recycling solution in place? If so, which company handles this on your behalf? What volume of IT equipment do you dispose of annually? Do you have an annual budget for this service – do you expect to be charged for IT disposal services? When is your existing contract up for renewal? I am interested in establishing whether Health Boards deems it important enough to contract/tender, or to proceed by employing services based on best price at that timemy investigations into this area so far suggest that best price does not always equal best solution. I'd be interested in your thoughts | information released |
| 149 | 29-Oct-08 | 18 | Media | For the most recent 12 month period available: How many children aged from birth to 16 have a) attended hospital and b) received treatment due to drug-related illness? How many children have been born diagnosed with a drug addiction? How many children have been born diagnosed with health problems which are thought to be due to drug addiction or drug- related illness in the mother? | Part released |
| 150 | 3-Nov-08 | 5 | Media | With reference to my earlier request under freedom of information legislation regarding information about pensions, please could you provide me with details of how much your organisation has spent in total on staff pensions for each financial year over the past five years, | All information released |
| 151 | 6-Nov-08 | 14 | Commercial | The name of each consultant, their speciality and the hospital at which they work within NHS Borders. | All information released |
| 152 | 6-Nov-08 | 14 | Scottish Parliament | The total amount spent by NHS Borders on gas & electricity in 1) 2003/4 2) 2007/8 3) anticipated expenditure in 2008/9 4) Expected expenditure in 2009/10 (if available) | Part released, part not held |

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| 153 | 6-Nov-08 | 16 | Voluntary Sector | For the period 1st April 2007 to 31st March 2008, applying only to disabled and terminally ill children, the following: The amount of money spent by your organisation on the provision of equipment. The amount of children in your area with disabilities and the way in which your organisation collects and records this information. Does your organisation monitor/measure unmet need. If yes, how is it monitored/measured? | Part released, part not held |
| 154 | 7-Nov-08 | 15 | Media | Please can you supply details of the occasions where the health board has funded treatments that are not recommended by the Scottish Medicines Consortium (SMC) since January 2007 to the current date? Please include the name of the drug funded and the date it was approved for funding by the board (if available). Please can you also list the occasions where the board has refused to fund a treatment under exceptional prescribing measures, including the name of the treatment refused and the date since the start of 2007? | All information released |
| 155 | 7-Nov-08 | 15 | Scottish Parliament | How many patients with Clostridium Difficile were admitted to hospitals in your health board area from the Care Home Sector? What is the percentage of cases of Clostridium Difficile admitted to hospitals in your health board area, which came from the Care Home Sector? How many patients were admitted to hospital from the Care Home Sector with other types of infections, and what percentage of the overall infected patients group cam from the Care Home Sector (excluding Clostridrium Difficile)? | Information not held |
| 156 | 7-Nov-08 | 11 | Public | The number of Lyme disease cases in the Borders for the years of 2005/2006/2007. | All information released |
| 157 | 12-Nov-08 | 20 | Media | Request the following information concerning all new outpatients who received a non-urgent neurological MRI scan from 1st March 2008 to 31st May 2008: a) the date of appointment with GP at which referral to a neurologist was made (if applicable and if available) b) the date of appointment with clinical neurologist at which referral for an MRI scan was decided c) the date on which referral for a neurological MRI scan was received and officially logged i.e. the moment at which the 'waiting time' begins d) the date on which the first MRI scan was carried out I do not require the names or any personal details of any patients, but would like the information to be presented in a way which enables me to see the timetable involved for each case. | Part released, part not held |
| 158 | 12-Nov-08 | 12 | Media | How many health professionals have reported to your board that they have been physically assaulted by members of the general public in 2008? Can you also give the same figure for the last four years (2004, 2005, 2006, 2007)? Out of the total assaults can you tell me where the assaults happened (i.e home visits, surgery or hospitals) and who they were on (i.e doctors, nurses or other professionals). How many of these assaults were referred to the police and if they resulted in any prosecutions? | Part released, part not held |

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| 159 | 14-Nov-08 | 15 | Media | How many people are currently on the board's waiting list to be able to register with an NHS dentist? The a figure for the number of people on the NHS dentist waiting list for the comparable period last year? | All information released |
| 160 | 07-Nov-08 08-Dec-08 | 19 | Other NHS | All papers and minutes from the various Coldstream dental centre stakeholder meetings. Plus any information held by David Clouting and Morag McQuaid | All information released |
| 161 | 18-Nov-08 | 20 | Commercial | The latest editions of the following documents for NHS Borders - Annual Report 2007-2008, Business Plan 2008-2009 onward, Clinical Governance Report 2007-2008, Prescribing Formulary 200, Director of Public Health Report 2007-2008 | Part released, part not held |
| 162 | 18-Nov-08 | 20 | Media | How much, broken down by the financial years 2007/2008 and 2006/2007, has your health board received in fees/ charges from patients outside the European Union? | All information released |
| 163 | 26-Nov-08 | 16 | Media | How many claims for compensation were submitted to your health board by patients/members of the public in the financial years 2003/04 to 2007/08? Of those, how many resulted in the health board paying out compensation? In relation to question 2, please provide details for each claim including the amount paid out and the reason for the claim? How many claims for compensation were submitted to your health board by your own staff in the financial years 2003/04 to 2007/08? Of those, how many resulted in the health board paying out compensation? In relation to question 5, please provide details for each claim including the amount paid out and the reason for the claim? | All information released |
| 164 | 27-Nov-08 | 14 | Commercial | Which of the following drugs is included for use on your ADTC's formulary list, and if so with what restrictions and accompanying advice on their usage: alemtuzumab (MabCampath), anastrozole (Arimidex), Bevacuzimab (Avastin), bortezomib (Velcade), bortezomib (Velcade), capecitabine (Xeloda), cetuximab (Erbitux), clofarabine (Evoltra), dasatinib (Sprycel), dexrazoxane (Cardioxane), docetaxel (Taxotere), Erlotinib (Tarceva®), fludarabine (Fludara), gemcitabine (Gemzar), Gonapeptyl depot, ibritumomab tiuxetan (Zevalin), imatinib (Glivec), Lanreotide (Somatuline® LA), lenalidomide (Revlimid), letrozole (Femara), liposomal cytarabine (DepoCyte), mitotane (Lysodren), nelarabine (Atriance), nilotinib (Tasigna), panitumumab (Vectibix), Pemetrexed (Alimta), pemetrexed (Alimta), rituximab (MabThera), sorafenib (Nexavar), sunitinib (Sutent), Temozolomide (Temodal®), topotecan (Hycamtin), topotecan (Hycamtin), trabectedin (Yondelis), Trastuzumab (Herceptin), vinorelbine (Navelbine Oral) | |
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| 165 | 28-Nov-08 | 17 | Media | Figures for each of the last five years detailing any funding or payment the board has given to any outside body, eg support groups, representing the lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community. Please give the amount each organisation received, the name of the organisation and reason for the award or payment (and year it was given). Please provide the same figures for groups representing the Gipsy/Traveller community. | All information released |
| 166 | 2-Dec-08 | 19 | Media | Please provide the terms of all Freedom of Information requests this year (to November 30) that have been submitted by Dean Herbert (either as an individual or as a reporter working with Capital Press) and from staff at HE Media, trading as Centre Press, Capital Press and North Scot. | All information released |
| 167 | 2-Dec-08 | 19 | Scottish Parliament | All information relating to away days, corporate events and conferences held by the health board in the last year and planned for the future | Part released, part not held |
| 168 | 2-Dec-08 | 19 | Scottish Parliament | Salaries and bonuses of Chief Executive lats year, this year and next years where possible. | Part released, part not held |
| 169 | 3-Dec-08 | 20 | Media | The number of days, on average, that staff took off work in 2003/04, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/07 and 2007/08. This figure should represent the number of days taken off work for any reason other than holiday. | Part released, part withheld excessive cost of compliance |
| 170 | 4-Dec-08 | 15 | Commercial | Formulary questions | All information released |
| 171 | 5-Dec-08 | 20 | Scottish Parliament | All local policy papers on prevention and control of c-diff in healthcare settings within NHS Borders | All information released |
| 172 | 8-Dec-08 | 19 | Media | The following information for this year (2008) and last year (2007): How many people received cosmetic surgery in your NHS area? How many of these cases were females, and how many were males? What was the age of the oldest and youngest people who received cosmetic surgery, and what process did they have done? How many of each type of cosmetic operations were carried out in 2007? (Please list body-part and number of times for each year) EG: Breast reduction: XXX times Nose surgery: XXX times Finally, how many people are awaiting cosmetic surgery? | All information released |

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| 173 | 11-Dec-08 | 6 | Media | For each of the last five years, can you supply me with the number of injured children referred to police/social work/other child protection representatives by medical staff. If possible can the figures be broken down into hospitals and GP practices. Can you supply me with the criteria for these referrals. i.e. a single medical opinion? Or does the information need to be corroborated from two qualified medical practitioners etc. | Part released, part not held |
| 174 | 12-Dec-08 | 11 | Commercial | Details of all applications for inclusion in the Pharmaceutical List from January 1st 1990 to present day. Details to include name of applicant, address of premises for which application made, date of PPC hearing (or scheduled date where hearing is to be heard), outcome of PPC hearing, whether appeals were lodged and outcome of any appeal made. | |
| 175 | 15-Dec-08 | 3 | Media | Surveillance figures for each year since 2000 that detail: a) How many times your organisation has used it's surveillance powers - including those granted by the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act. b) What alleged offences were involved in each case. c) What legislation each instance of surveillance was conducted under. | All information released |
| 176 | 15-Dec-08 | 20 | Media | Since January 1st this year, how much has your organisation spent on away days and team building events? Please break down the costs for each individual away day/team building event, the organisation providing each service, and where each event was held. | Part released, part not held |
| 177 | 16-Dec-08 | 19 | Media | Where are smoking cessation services in your area undertaken? GP surgeries, pharmacies or elsewhere (please specify). Who is providing health board-funded smoking cessation services in your area? GPs, nurses or pharmacists, another professional group or a combination of groups (please specify). How many health board-funded smoking cessation service providers are there in your area? How much did the health board spend on smoking cessation services in the most recent year for which figures are available and how many people were treated? (Please specify the period the figures relate to.) How much does the health board plan to spend on smoking cessation services in the coming year? How does the health board plan to develop smoking cessation services in the coming year, and over the longer term? Is reducing smoking prevalence one of the health board's key priorities? | All information released |

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| 178 | 16-Dec-08 | 20 | Media | GP practices How many GP practices are there in your board area? What proportion (%) are on each of the following: APMS contract/GMS contract/PMS contract GMS practices What proportion (%) of GMS practices in your area rely on the minimum practice income guarantee (MPIG)? Among MPIG practices in your PCO, what proportion (%) of basic income comes from MPIG correction factors on average? What is the highest level of reliance on MPIG (highest percentage of income from correction factor at a GP practice)? GMS contract: The prevalence weighting system for quality and outcomes framework pay for practices will change in April 2009 and again in April 2010. Have you carried out an evaluation of the impact of the changes on practices in your area? How many practices in your area? How many will gain more than £10,000? Do you expect any practices to go bust? If so, how many? What support will you offer to practices that lose out heavily from the prevalence changes? How would you determine whether support was needed? Is your PCT having to pay more or less in total on prevalence following the changes to the GP contract? How much? How will this affect your enhanced services spending? | All information released |
| 179 | 17-Dec-08 | 18 | Media | How many times in the past five years have you discovered unauthorized cameras in NHS-owned properties and establishments? How many times in the past five years have you discovered unauthorized microphones in NHS-owned properties and establishments? How many times in the past five years have you discovered other unauthorized surveillance devices in NHS-owned properties and establishments? Can you supply me with the information on where these devices were found within the NHS-owned properties and establishments? Has anyone been charged in connection with the finding of these devices? Was anyone then prosecuted after the devices were found? | All information released |
| 180 | 17-Dec-08 | 19 | Commercial | The total medicines budget and medicines spend for the 2006/2007 financial year for your whole NHS Board area. The total budget for medicines spend for 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 for your NHS Board. | Part released, part not held |
| 181 | 17-Dec-08 | 20 | Commercial | How much your NHS Board has received in funding for medicines research development & trials from: a) Pharmaceutical companies b) Scottish Government (including Chief Scientist's Office and Enterprise agencies) c) UK funding councils d) Charities 2. Following on from the above, to name the pharmaceutical companies and to break the information down by the amount given by each company | All information released |

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| 182 | 17-Dec-08 | 8 | Public | Questionnaire on antibiotic prescribing and HAI in orthopaedics | Part released, part not held |
| 183 | 18-Dec-08 | 20 | Public | Copy of minutes and other documents relating to PPC decision on Chirnside Pharmacy | Part released, part not held |
| 184 | 18-Dec-08 | 19 | Voluntary Sector | Please confirm or deny whether written protocols used by your Health Board to assess exceptional funding requests for cancer treatment exist. Please supply all written protocols used by your Health Board to assess exceptional funding requests for cancer treatment, and please supply all associated guidance. Please confirm or deny whether a body exists in your Health Board to assess exceptional funding requests for cancer treatment. Please confirm or deny whether a body exists in your Health Board to assess exceptional funding requests for cancer treatment. Please confirm or deny whether social criteria (i.e. criteria to assess the exceptionality of patients not related to the cost- or clinical-effectiveness of the treatment) have been used by your Health Board to assess exceptional funding requests for cancer treatment in the last year. Please list all social criteria which have been used by your Health Board to assess exceptional funding requests for cancer treatment in the last year. Please confirm or deny whether your Health Board holds a list of cancer treatments which it will not fund. Please supply a list of all cancer treatments which your Health Board will not fund. Please confirm or deny whether any patients' exceptional funding requests for cancer treatment sub the dual number of patients who have had exceptional funding requests for cancer treatment approved since 1 October 2006. Please list the total number of patients who have had exceptional funding requests for cancer treatment rejected since 1 October 2006. Please list all board following an exceptional funding request since 1 October 2006. Please list the total number of patients who have had exceptional funding requests for cancer treatment sub enfunded by your Health Board following an exceptional funding request since 1 October 2006. Please list all the cancer treatments which have been funded by your Health Board following an | |

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| | | | | by your Health Board following an exceptional funding request since 1 October 2006, broken down by the treatment funded. Please state the estimated cost of all cancer treatments not funded by your Health Board following an exceptional funding request since 1 October 2006, had they been funded, broken down by the treatment applied for. | |
| 185 | 15-Dec-08 | 20 | Scottish Parliament | Policy on Staff Vacancies and whether any cost services are in reaching efficiency savings. The number of a)substantive, b) Locum posts remaining unfilled for 3 months or more by grade and by division or department. How many substantive posts are currently filled by staff on maternity leave? How many substantive posts are currently being filled by staff on long term sickness absence over three months, six months or one year? How many substantive posts are currently filled by staff that have been suspended for more than one month? | All information released |
| 186 | 15-Dec-08 | 20 | Scottish Parliament | The number of staff with appeals outstanding as of 31st December 2008. The number of Bank staff unassimilated as of 31st December 2008. The timetable for the completion of Bank staff being assimilated. The number of staff with unpaid arrears of pay as of 31st December 2008. | All information released |
| 187 | 15-Dec-08 | 20 | Scottish Parliament | Request disclosure of all papers relevant to the implementation of the European Working Time Directive in respect of junior doctors hours. What plans the Board has to implement the directive as well as what additional costs are likely to be involved. If the Board does not yet have any detailed plans or has only partial plans in respect of some hospitals, divisions or specialties please provide a note of those covered and not covered. Please indicate to what extent the Board expects the implementation of a 'hospital at night' scheme to be sufficient to meet the 48 hour target. Please also indicate and provide any correspondence between the Health Boards, SGHD officials and the department on this topic. | All information released |
| 188 | 15-Dec-08 | 20 | Scottish Parliament | Current establishment for consultant paediatricians. Proposed establishment of consultant paediatricians for 2009/10 - 2010/11. Number of consultants in post 2006/07, 2007/08 & 2008/09. Number of established posts for FTE for junior doctor paediatrics. Current number of posts unfilled other than by locums. Current number of locums employed. How many of the locums employed are also currently under contract to the Board in a substantive post? How many hours of overtime were worked by doctors in junior paediatric jobs in the past four quarters? | All information released |
| 189 | 23-Dec-08 | 20 | Public Sector | Details of all contracts between NHS Borders and any management consultancy since 1st April 2004. I request all contracts for all services including financial auditing services and other services. Specifically we require the date and title of each contract, the time period of the contract, the content of the contract, i.e. the nature of the service provided, and also the value of each contract | Part released, part withheld excessive cost of compliance |

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| 190 | 24-Dec-08 | 20 | Media | How much was paid in bonuses for non-health professionals in 2008 in your health board. By non-health professionals I mean those workers in the administrative side of the NHS like NHS managers etc. Can you also tell me what this figure was for 2004. Can you also tell me what the job title is of the people who were awarded these discretionary bonuses. | All information released |
| 191 | 29-Dec-08 | 18 | Public | Copy of DVT leaflet | All information released |
| 192 | 31-Dec-08 | 19 | Media | Can you tell me if your NHS health board runs any clinics/surgeries in the community that specifically treats patients with a history of violent/ aggressive behaviour? If so can you tell how many patients are treated at them and how many clinics/surgeries there are? Also can you tell what procedures are in place that make these different from normal surgeries i.e is there police/ security guard presence? Or have the GPs/nurses had any training in self- defence/ conflict resolution? | part not held |
| 1 | 9-Jan-09 | 19 | Public | Since 1st January 1999 how many patients have intimated a claim or raised an action against NHS Borders (or against the organisation when previously a Trust) related to a delay, or alleged delay, in the diagnosis of breast cancer? Of these how many were settled out of court or, if taken to court, were found in favour of the patient or the patient's family? Since 1st January 1999 how many patients with delays in the diagnosis of breast cancer have come to light by other means, for instance through a patient or a medic reporting the delay or through good governance (local reporting of incidents, clinical audit, etc.)? | Part released, part withheld excessive cost of compliance |
| 2 | 9-Jan-09 | 20 | Public | All correspondence between NHS Borders or its predecessor organisation and the Scottish Government or its predecessor organisation relating to the Borders Hours of Service for Pharmacies between the dates 01/01/95 and 24/01/08 | Information not held |
| 3 | 12-Jan-09 | 20 | Media | The number of executives and senior managers in your organisation within each pay band The number, within each pay band, awarded the following: unacceptable, incomplete, fully acceptable, superior, outstanding. Please make it clear whether they were on consolidated or non-consolidated pay and the percentage pay increase this equated to. The resulting total salaries of each executive and senior manager for 2008-2009 Details of the performance targets executives and senior managers are required to meet in order to receive a pay award, eg, your corporate objectives, individual objectives | Part released, part exempt, section 38(1)(b) |

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| 4 | 13-Jan-09 | 18 | Media | Details of the number of times translators have been employed by NHS Borders in each of the past two years (back from December 31 2008) and the total associated cost for each of those years. These details should also be divided to show what proportion of the number of uses of translators and costs were made by GP surgeries versus the use in hospitals or other NHS facilities. | Part released, part withheld excessive cost of compliance |
| 5 | 22-Jan-09 | 18 | Voluntary Sector | Details of the Ophthalmology Services provided by NHS Borders Health Board? | All information released |
| 6 | 14-Jan-09 | 22 | Media | The number of health board staff who have been convicted of driving while over the legal alcohol limit in each of the past five years of which the board has a record of. I would like the numbers categorised by which position they are employed as at the health board. | All information released |
| 7 | 15-Jan-09 | 20 | Voluntary Sector | Does your Board provide disabled children with powered wheelchairs which include the following features? tilt in space - allows the child to tilt back and relieve pressure on their bottom and legs riser – the child can raise the seat so they are at eye level with their peers sit to stand – the child can, when safely strapped in, move the chair so they are in their chair but in a standing position. What is the average amount your Board contributes towards a powered wheelchair for a disabled child? What is the average overall cost of a powered wheelchair, between initial referral to wheelchair services and delivery of the chair? Does your Board provide disabled children with electric profiling beds? What is the average amount your Board contributes towards an electric profiling bed for a disabled child? What is the average overall cost of an electric profiling bed? What is the average overall cost of an electric profiling bed? What is the average overall cost of an electric profiling bed? What is the average waiting time for an electric profiling bed for a disabled child, between initial referral and delivery of the bed? Does your Board provide disabled children with portable hoists? What is the average amount your Board contributes towards portable hoists for a disabled child? What is the average amount your Board contributes towards portable hoists for a disabled child? What is the average amount your Board contributes towards portable hoists for a disabled child? What is the average amount your Board contributes towards portable hoists for a disabled child? What is the average amount your Board contributes towards portable hoists for a disabled child? What is the average overall cost of a portable hoist? | Information not held |

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| 8 | 15-Jan-09 | 20 | Commercial | I would like to know which of the following drugs is included for use in which of SCAN's regional cancer protocols: alemtuzumab (MabCampath), anastrozole (Arimidex), Bevacuzimab (Avastin), bortezomib (Velcade), capecitabine (Xeloda), cetuximab (Erbitux), clofarabine (Evoltra), dasatinib (Sprycel), dexrazoxane (Cardioxane), docetaxel (Taxotere), Erlotinib (Tarceva®), fludarabine (Fludara), gemcitabine (Gemzar), Gonapeptyl depot, ibritumomab tiuxetan (Zevalin), imatinib (Glivec), Lanreotide (Somatuline®LA), lenalidomide (Revlimid), letrozole (Femara), liposomal cytarabine (DepoCyte), mitotane (Lysodren), nelarabine (Atriance), nilotinib (Tasigna), panitumumab (Vectibix), Pemetrexed (Alimta), rituximab (MabThera), sorafenib (Nexavar), sunitinib (Sutent), Temozolomide (Temodal®), topotecan (Hycamtin), trabectedin (Yondelis), Trastuzumab (Herceptin), vinorelbine (Navelbine Oral) What restrictions and accompanying advice is included on their usage? How are the decisions reached for the inclusion of medicines in protocols? | All information released |
| 9 | 16-Jan-09 | 20 | Media | I understand from the Scottish Government that different boards have different procedures and checklists to help prevent mistakes before, during and after surgery. I would be grateful if you could tell me what procedures your board follows to ensure that errors are not made in surgery, such as the wrong patient getting the wrong operation, or the wrong limb or organ being operated on. Do surgical staff have to run through the check-list answering each question out loud. eg. each verbally communicating the patient's name, surgical site to be operated on the procedure to take place? If you have a copy of the check- list I would be grateful if I could see a copy. | All information released |
| 10 | 21-Jan-09 | 19 | Scottish Parliament | If any part of the NHS Board estate is currently for sale or if there are any current plans to place part of the estate on the market in the future. The approximate value if known or estimated of assets currently on or planned to be on the market. If any capital or other development plans are dependent on asset sales and if so what these are. If there are any empty or unused properties which require ongoing maintenance and/or heating and the approximate cost if known or estimated. | All information released |
| 11 | 21-Jan-09 | 16 | Media | How much, broken down by calendar years 2007 and 2008, have you paid out in a) early retirement and b) early severance lump sums to staff? In terms of early retirement and early severance lump sums, broken down by calendar years 2007 and 2008, how many staff received a) £50,000 or more b) £100,000 or more or c) £250,000 or more? | All information released |
| 12 | 22-Jan-09 | 12 | Commercial | The number of people who were diagnosed with chemotherapy- induced febrile neutropenia and the number of deaths due to chemotherapy-induced febrile neutropenia in 2008? | All information released |
| 13 | 14-Jan-09 | 20 | Voluntary Sector | Range of questions relating to translation services for deaf and hard of hearing | Part released, |

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| 14 | 26-Jan-09 | 20 | Commercial | Most recent Strategic Commissioning Plan, Commissioning Framework, Commissioning Development Plans, Commissioning Business Plans. Any World Class Commissioning initiatives or documents. | Information not held |
| 15 | 26-Jan-09 | 20 | Public | Structure chart of the finance teams with job titles , depts etc. | All information released |
| 16 | 28-Jan-09 | 20 | Public Sector | Details of all contracts and any plans for contracts between NHS Borders and the NHS partner 'First Response' | All information released |
| 17 | 2-Feb-09 | 20 | Voluntary Sector | Does this NHS board hold a register of deaf children? The number of children who waited less than 18 weeks to receive an appointment from the paediatric audiology department following referral in 2008. The number of children who waited more than 18 weeks to receive an appointment from the paediatric audiology department following referral in 2008. The total number of children referred to the paediatric audiology department for assessment from any source in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008. The total number of individual deaf children receiving treatment from the paediatric audiology department in 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008, broken down by level of loss (e.g. unilateral, mild, moderate, severe, profound). The total number of children identified as having a hearing loss via the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening process, broken down by level of loss (e.g. unilateral, mild, moderate, severe, profound) in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008. For those children who were assessed as requiring a hearing aid, either via the GP referral pathway or via Universal Newborn Hearing Screening, the waiting time from assessment to hearing aid fitting on a case by case basis in 2008. For those children who were referred as candidates for cochlear implantation, the waiting time from referral to assessment at the national centre at Crosshouse Hospital in 2008. | |
| 18 | 2-Feb-09 | 4 | Media | How much has been taken in revenue by the private car park operators which service the hospitals in your area in the last five years? How many cars have entered each car park which services the hospitals in your area in the last five years? How many car owners have reported their cars damaged within those private car parks in the last five years? How many car owners have reported their cars stolen from within those private car parks in the last five years? | All information released |

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| 19 | 2-Feb-09 | 20 | Media | Details of monies owed to your authority by non-EU nationals for procedures and treatments received in hospitals/clinics/surgeries in your area broken down to show: 1.) The sex/age of the patient? 2.) The facility the procedure/treatment was carried out in? 3.) A brief description of the procedure/treatment given (ie cancer treatment, general surgery, gynaecology and childbirth) 4.) The cost of the individual procedure/treatment to the health board. 5.) The overall cost of owed procedures/treatments to the health board. 6.) The nationality of the patient. | Part released, part withheld excessive cost of compliance |
| 20 | 3-Feb-09 | 20 | Commercial | Do you currently offer childcare vouchers to your staff? (If not, please skip to question 13) Which childcare voucher provider do you use? When did your childcare voucher scheme start? When was your contract with your voucher provider last renewed? Are you tied in to your existing provider? If so, when would you be free to move to a different provider? When do you expect to review your scheme? What administration fee are you paying your current provider, as a percentage of the voucher face value? How many active members are in your childcare voucher scheme? Does your voucher provide offer any additional services or benefits? If so, please provide details of the services offered and the number of your employees who actively use them. Do you operate your own payroll services or use an external payroll provider? If you use an external payroll provider, is your childcare voucher scheme offered as part of their service or are you free to select your own provider? How would you grade the customer service provided by your voucher provide contact details for the person who manages the day-to-day administration of your scheme. Please provide contact details for the person who has overall responsibility for employees are on your payroll? If you don't yet offer childcare vouchers to your staff, have you got any plans to introduce a scheme? If so, please indicate when you intend to start looking for suppliers. | information released |
| 21 | 9-Feb-09 | 18 | Media | Do any of the hospitals in your NHS area allow people to view dead bodies in the care of the health service? If so, where can this be done? Are there any rules in place for this? What, if any, fees exist for the viewing, care and transfer of dead bodies? Can any body be viewed, or do those requesting the viewing have to be relatives of the deceased? | All information released |

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| 22 | 11-Feb-09 | 0 | Commercial | What reports are the hospitals in the NHS Borders obliged to produce? These would include things like national and internal statistical and patient based returns, operational output to support patient care and service management and clinical audit reports. If possible, what internal reports do hospitals in NHS Borders produce? I realise this information may be difficult to gather - maybe you could provide me with a list of the typical reports that hospitals in the board produce for internal use. | Withdrawn by applicant |
| 23 | 11-Feb-09 | 20 | Media | Breakdown of all consultants used in each of the last two financial years (06-07; 07-08), broken down by how much each consultant has been paid, the name of the organisation/individual in each case, and the reason for hiring the consultant In terms of all consultants used in each of the last two financial years, please provide me with a list of all reports produced (ie report title, not the reports themselves), next to the name of the consultant that produced each report. | Part released, part withheld excessive cost of compliance |
| 24 | 12-Feb-09 | 16 | Public | How many women aged 19-25 have requested/been given HPV vaccination since it became available 2008 | Information not held |
| 25 | 27-Jan-09 | 20 | Scottish Parliament | If there are any outstanding repair or maintenance works to parts of the NHS estate which are not to be carried out immediately and, if so, the reason. Details of the required work including cost if known or estimated. If any decision has been taken not to carry out repair or maintenance work a) on budgetary grounds or b) on the basis that facilities will be replaced in time and if so, what these works would have entailed | Part released, part withheld excessive cost of compliance |
| 26 | 18-Feb-09 | 13 | Media | Between January 2008 and January 2009, how many young people (ie. 16 or 17 years of age and under) were engaged in counselling or support for alcohol abuse? I hope this figure can be broken down by age. (I understand that some young people will access ADAT teams for their primary substance misuse which in some cases will be drugs with their secondary problem being with alcohol. Even if a child is seeking support for both drugs and alcohol, I still want this included in the figures.) | Part released, part withheld excessive cost of compliance |
| 27 | 18-Feb-09 | 9 | Commercial | An organisation chart for your IT department please | All information released |

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| 28 | 26-Feb-09 | 17 | Voluntary Sector | Information on the availability of Learning Disability Liaison Nurses (these are sometimes known locally as nurse advisors). The Promoting Health, Supporting Inclusion review, pointed out the important part all nurses and midwives play in supporting people with learning disabilities to maintain good health. Learning Disability Liaison Nurses are a central part of this process. Below are a list of hospitals we have identified for your health board. For each of these could you identify: Whether the hospital provides acute health services; How many learning disability liaison nurses are available at each hospital; How many are on (i) full time and (ii) part time hours; How many are on (i) permanent and (ii) fixed-term contracts; What additional supports, aids or communication techniques does the hospital use to support the care and treatment of patients with learning disabilities? In addition we would like to know the following general information - Does your Health Board have a standard job description for Learning Disability Liaison Nurses? Can they and do they contribute to general nurse and medical staff | All information released |
| 29 | 2-Mar-09 | 16 | Public | The number of people you have charged for NHS care in each of the past four years who were not entitled to receive this care for free (i.e they were from out with the European Economic Area) The total value of this treatment for each of the last four years, and how much of it was actually collected, again for each year. If you could also make clear how much, if any, of the outstanding debt has been written off. A summary of the types of procedures which people were billed for and the patient's country of origin. | Part released, part withheld excessive cost of compliance |
| 30 | 2-Mar-09 | 4 | Media | How much revenue have hospitals managed by the board made from bedside entertainment suites (ie telephones, TV and radio systems paid for by patients) in financial year 2007-2008? Please provide a sum total for all the hospitals managed by the Board. How much have hospitals managed by the board made in telephone revenue sharing (ie where the trust has received a proportion of the cost of the call) from 0844, 0845 or other higher than local rate telephone numbers in financial year 2007-2008? Please provide a sum total for all hospitals in the trust. | All information released |
| 31 | 4-Mar-09 | 17 | Commercial | Your most recent documents on Diabetes, for example strategies, implementation plans or reports. The name of your diabetes lead or senior staff member Are you part of a Diabetes network, if so what is the name of the network Information about provision of diabetes services for your population: Names of the Acute provider of inpatient and outpatient diabetes services and the hospital or sites where their clinics they run are based Names of the GP practices providing Enhanced diabetes services and where the clinics are based if not at the practice Community based diabetes services and where such services are based | |

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| 32 | 4-Mar-09 | 18 | Commercial | Specific high technology medical equipment by NHS Borders in the year 2008. Details on the hospitals use of: a. LINAC (linear accelerator) b. PET (Positive Emission tomography) c. CT (Computerised tomography) d. MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) e. Lithotripters 1. How many (if any) of these devices (listed above) were found on site, in all hospitals controlled by the Trust, in 2008? Please specify which particular devices are found on the Trust's sites, and state clearly how many of each device there is (for example, 1 MRI scanner; 3 Lithotripters). 2. How many times were each of these devices (listed above) used in 2008? Please state clearly how many times each individual device was used (for example, LINAC – 3000 separate uses; Lithotripters – 5000 separate uses). 3. Please note if any of these devices were bought, replaced or disposed of during 2008, and state when that took place. | All information released |
| 33 | 5-Mar-09 | 17 | Media | How many registered asylum seekers have received assisted conception in the last five year, broken down by year. How many people are currently on the waiting list for assisted conception - and how many of these are registered asylum seekers. | All information released |
| 34 | 6-Mar-09 | 15 | Public | Regarding your Trusts adherence to a recent Royal College of Psychiatrists Report. 1) Did your Trust have, as of March 1st 2009, such a register of interests? a. If so, when was it created? 2) If the Trust did not have a register, were there, as of 1st March 2009, active steps being taken to create one? a. If so, what were those steps? 3) Whether that register was part of NHS monitoring arrangements? a. If so, how was it used and when? On page 8 of the Report, the College states Medical and clinical directors with responsibility for appraisal and management of psychiatrists should seek to establish a local register of interests and ensure that it is kept and regularly updated with full declarations from all local psychiatrists within the directors organisation. Therefore, I would like to know: 4) Whether the register was established by the medical and clinical directors? a. If not, then I would like to know who established the register. 5) I would like to know on how many occasions, prior to 1st March 2009, the register has been updated since it was created. 6) I would be grateful if you could tell me how many local consultant psychiatrists a. Were approached to provide information for the register b. How many responded c. Are employed in total by your Trust On page 8 of the Report, it also states that Medical directors should ensure that local registers are accessible to the public and to patients within the trust. To this end, they should strongly consider making the register available through their organisations website. Therefore, I would like to know: | All information released |

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| | | | | 7) Whether, as of 1st March 2009, the register was available to the public? a. If so, I would be like to request a copy, in either electronic or print format (depending on which is most convenient for you) 8) Whether, as of 1st March 2009, the register was available of the organisations website? a. If so, I would be grateful for the internet address. 9) Whether, as of 1st March 2009 there were monitoring arrangements to ensure staff register sponsorship? 10) Whether any staff have been held accountable within the last 12 months? 11) Whether there was any scrutiny at committee level? 12) Whether this information was published in your Annual Report? | |
| 35 | 9-Mar-09 | 19 | Commercial | A copy of any Borders Health Board review of community pharmacy service provision done since the OFT report on pharmacy in 2003. Details of any pending applications for a pharmacy contract in the Chirnside area, other than the Graypharm application. Copies of any letters of appeal (and associated correspondence) against the decision to grant a pharmacy contract to Graypharm Ltd in December 2008 | Part released, part already provided by other means |
| 36 | 9-Mar-09 | 19 | Union | The amount spent on consultancy services (individuals and/or companies) so far this financial year and also for the financial year 07-08. The projects/work undertaken by consultancy service providers (individuals and/or companies) so far this financial year and also for the financial year 2007-2008. | Part released, part withheld excessive cost of compliance |
| 37 | 10-Mar-09 | 18 | Scottish Parliament | NHS Borders plan to meet the European Working Time Directive regulations, specifically for junior doctors. | All information released |
| 38 | 11-Mar-09 | 9 | Scottish Parliament | Whether any data disks, flash drives, memory sticks, or other electronic media has been lost since 28 November 2007 and if so, what information/data was included on the lost media. | All information released |
| 39 | 9-Mar-09 | 19 | Union | Staff Suspensions - Does the trust have a clear policy for dealing with staff suspensions? What is the timeframe set out in the policy for completing the disciplinary process? Does the trust deal with all suspension cases within that specified timeframe? How many staff have been placed on suspension pending disciplinary investigation within the last 12 months? In each case how long was the member of staff on suspension? Does the trust provide additional cover when a member (or members of staff) has been suspended? | |
| 40 | 11-Mar-09 | 17 | Media | How many babies have been born to mothers taking prescribed methadone within the NHS board area during 2003-2008? Please break this figure down by year. Please also break this down by hospital. What percentage of total births does this group make up? Of the babies born to mothers taking prescribed methadone, how many suffered Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome? How many of these children were premature? How many cot days in neonatal units were used to care for this group? | Part released, part not held |

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| 41 | 12-Mar-09 | 19 | Media | What was the average waiting time from GP referral to first assessment by a clinical psychologist for patients who were referred to a clinical psychologist? Please provide figures for each of the last five years. What was the average waiting time from GP referral to start of treatment for patients who were referred to a clinical psychologist? Please provide figures for each of the last five years. | Part released, part not held |
| 42 | 12-Mar-09 | 19 | Public | Copies of the 639 letters of objection sent to NHS Borders during the objection period for the Graypharm application and copies of all e-mails communication objecting to the application | All information released |
| 43 | 16-Mar-09 | 14 | Media | How many times outside pest control contractors have been called into premises in your health authority area within the last six months? A figure for how much this has cost and also a breakdown by name of the premises which had to be dealt with and what the 'pest' problem was? How much money has been spent on taxi fares to transport consultants and other health board staff between hospital sites, as well as other premises within your health authority area, in the last six months to a year? The figure for the same period a year earlier? A breakdown on costs, particularly the highest individual fare, and reasons for the trips. | All information released |
| 44 | 16-Mar-09 | 15 | Voluntary Sector | Range of questions relating to equipment for neuromuscular conditions | Part released, part not held |
| 45 | 18-Mar-09 | 12 | Media | What are the three biggest hospitals, by patient capacity, in your NHS board area? How many staffed patient beds were available in each of these three hospitals in each of the last three financial years (2005/06, 2006/07 and 2007/08)? How much did your NHS board spend on food for patients in each of these three hospitals in each of the last three financial years (2005/06, 2006/07 and 2007/08)? How much did your NHS board spend on food for patients in each of these three hospitals in each of the last three financial years (2005/06, 2006/07 and 2007/08)? How much did your NHS board spend on food for patients in total in each of the last three financial years (2005/06, 2006/07 and 2007/08)? | All information released |
| 46 | 17-Mar-09 | 20 | Public | Any documents pertaining to the purchase of Mountview particularly with reference to any clauses regarding usage | All information released |
| 47 | 16-Mar-09 | 12 | Media | How many hospital admissions there have been for alcohol- related mental and behavioural disorders for (a) males and (b) females aged (i) under 10 years, (ii) 10 to 13 years, (iii) 14 to 17 years and (iv) 18 years and over in each of the last five years? And could we have a comment please? | All information released |

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| 48 | 18-Mar-09 | 19 | Public | How many referrals were made to independent healthcare providers in England/Wales for the following- mental health, secure mental health, learning disability and brain injury How many referrals were made to independent healthcare providers in Scotland for the following - mental health, secure mental health, learning disability and brain injury How much did the Board spend on independent healthcare providers in England/Wales for the following- mental health, secure mental health, learning disability and brain injury How much did the Board spend on independent healthcare providers in England/Wales for the following- mental health, secure mental health, learning disability and brain injury How much did the Board spend on independent healthcare providers in Scotland for the following- mental health, secure mental health, learning disability and brain injury | All information released |
| 49 | 26-Mar-09 | 12 | Media | Does any of the health authority's hospitals have a police 'mini station' or police post? How many officers are deployed to work within hospital grounds? How many times police were called to hospitals following reports of assaults on staff, patients or visitors in each of the past five years? How many assaults were lodged? | Part released, part not held |
| 50 | 26-Mar-09 | 13 | Media | For each of the past five years, how many operations were cancelled on the day of or the day after a patient's admission and how many of the patients involved were not readmitted within a month? | Part released, part not held |
| 51 | 26-Mar-09 | 12 | Media | What operations or procedures are refused or not offered to patients who smoke? | All information released |
| 52 | 25-Mar-09 | 20 | Media | Breakdown of the job title of every paid post within your health board and the average salary for each post. | All information released |
| 53 | 26-Mar-09 | 6 | Media | The number of laptops listed as 'missing' or stolen' between 1st January 2008 and 1st March 2009 Details of the type of data/filed contained on the laptop's hard drive. The number USB drives, data cds/DVDs or other data storage device which has been listed as 'missing' or 'stolen' between 1st January 2008 and 1st January 2009 Details of the type of data/files contained on the above. | All information released |
| 54 | 26-Mar-09 | 19 | Commercial | Details of all applications for inclusion in the Pharmaceutical List from December 1st 2008 to March 26th 2009, within your health board area. Details to include name of applicant, address of premises for which application made, date of PPC hearing (or scheduled date where hearing is to be heard), outcome of PPC hearing, whether appeals were lodged and outcome of any appeal made. | information released |

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| 55 | 26-Mar-09 | 19 | Commercial | For the period April 2007 – March 2008 No of staff employed - Full time- Part time Amount of business miles travelled attending meetings, conferences and clients. The actual cost of Business Miles reimbursements The cost for overnight accommodation and subsistence. | All information released |
| 56 | 23-Mar-09 | 20 | University | What is the total budget for community based mental health services in your area? What community based mental health services are based in your area (ie.e. services for people living in the community excluding NHS outpatient services) and who are the service providers? What services does the LA provide/fund? What is the current funding and time frame (i.e. service funded from -to)? What tendering process do you use (copies of documents if possible)? How do you decide who to invite to tender for services? | Part released, part not held |
| 57 | 27-Mar-09 | 3 | Public | How much NHS Borders has spent in interpreters and translation in 2008? | All information released |
| 58 | 27-Mar-09 | 10 | Media | How many women involved in same-sex relationships have undergone IVF treatment paid for by your NHS board in each of the past five years? How many single women have undergone IVF treatment paid for by your NHS board in each of the past five years? How many single gay women have undergone IVF treatment paid for by your NHS board in each of the past five years? How much has been spent on IVF treatments for all of the categories outlined above? | All information released |
| 59 | 27-Mar-09 | 18 | Media | Can you supply me with the figures for the amount of teenage pregnancies for the past five years in your area? Can you supply me with the figures for the amount of teenage abortions for the past five years in your area? Can you supply me with the figures for the amount of under-16 pregnancies for the past five years in your area? Can you supply me with the figures for the amount of under-16 abortions for the past five years? Can you supply me with the figures for the amount of under-16 pregnancies that went the full term, and a baby was successfully delivered? Can you supply me with the figures for the amount of under-16 pregnancies that went the full term, but the baby was unsuccessfully delivered? | All information released |
| 60 | 27-Mar-09 | 18 | Scottish Parliament | How many (a) bottle fed (b) mains fed water dispensers do you have in each hospital for which you are responsible? How many tests for bacterial contamination were carried out on such dispensers in 2008? How many tests showed the presence of coliforms, E Faecalis, P aeruginsoa, Pseudomonas, S aureus or other bacteria such as clostridium difficile? | All information released |

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| 61 | 30-Mar-09 | 12 | Media | How much is currently owed to your board by foreign patients - from countries without reciprocal healthcare agreements with the NHS - who have had operations and treatments? I wish to have this broken down by patient nationality, the number and types of procedures/treatments carried out, the cost of each procedure/treatment, where they were carried out, when they were carried out. | |
| 62 | 31-Mar-09 | 10 | Public | How many referrals for children and young people were made to independent healthcare providers in England/Wales for the following - mental health, secure mental health, learning disability and brain injury and at what cost? How many referrals for children and young people were many to independent healthcare providers in Scotland for the following - mental health, secure mental health, learning disability and brain injury and at what cost? How many children and young people were placed within NHS adult secure mental health settings locally (IPCU, low secure, medium secure, locked wards), or in alternative NHS adult mental health care outside of the NHS Board area? Children & young people - all children under 18, and all children and young people up to 21 who have been in care or looked after by a local authority and are living in Scotland. | information released |