

Freedom of Information request 417-18

Request

1. How many patients with plaque psoriasis in your Trust are currently being treated with unlicensed Fumaderm?
2. How many patients with plaque psoriasis in your trust are currently being treated with Skilarence?
3. Is the Trust starting patients with plaque psoriasis on Skilarence?
 - a. If yes to Q3, how many patients in the last 6 months?
4. Is the Trust starting patients with psoriasis on unlicensed Fumaderm?
 - a. If yes to Q4, how many patients in the last 6 months?
5. Does the Trust intend to review all patients with plaque psoriasis taking unlicensed Fumaderm in order to move them to a licensed formulation where appropriate?
6. Please describe the process in place to achieve Q5 and the anticipated completion date.
7. If the Trust does not intend to initiate Skilarence or review all patients with plaque psoriasis taking unlicensed Fumaderm, please provide an explanation why the Trust intends to continue with its current practice.

Response

NHS Borders have not prescribed Fumaderm or Skilarence in the last 6 months within primary care.

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk.

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **417-18** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.