

## Freedom of Information request 421-18

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### Request

1) How much money has your trust spent on stroke prevention awareness over the following time periods:

1st August 2017 to July 31st 2018  
1st August 2016 to July 31st 2017  
1st August 2015 to July 31st 2016

2) How many stroke diagnoses were there in your trust over the following time periods:

1st August 2017 to July 31st 2018  
1st August 2016 to July 31st 2017  
1st August 2015 to July 31st 2016

3) How many deaths resulted from strokes in your trust over the following time periods:

1st August 2017 to July 31st 2018  
1st August 2016 to July 31st 2017  
1st August 2015 to July 31st 2016

4) How many deaths from strokes were judged to have been preventable in the following time periods:

1st August 2017 to July 31st 2018  
1st August 2016 to July 31st 2017  
1st August 2015 to July 31st 2016

### Response

1. NHS Borders receives a donation of £750 each year from Chest, Heart & Stroke Scotland (CHSS) to spend on stroke awareness. This money is used to pay for radio adverts on local radio.

2-3 Please find below data for questions 2 and 3 as per request:

	Stroke Diagnoses	Died whilst under stroke care
01/08/15 - 31/07/16	227	44
01/08/16 - 31/07/17	191	32
01/08/17 - 31/07/18	205	45

Please note the data provided on stroke deaths shows inpatients who have a final diagnosis of stroke at the time of death, this may not capture all patients who have died as a result of a stroke. We are unable to provide further data on stroke deaths as this is not routinely collated electronically. Further information on deaths from stroke may be accessed from the following weblink, therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is available elsewhere:

<https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/statistics/statistics-by-theme/vital-events/general-publications/births-deaths-and-other-vital-events-quarterly-figures/4th-quarter-2017/births-deaths-and-other-vital-events-quarterly-figures>

4. NHS Borders are unable to quantify this data. We try and provide the best quality care that we can, to give each patient the optimum outcome possible. We are actively engaged in trying to improve the Stroke Service and outcomes for patients. We engage in review of best practice and training at a national level and with other Health Boards. We endeavour to continue to work to improve the Stroke Service as it develops with new knowledge and expertise.

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

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **421-18** 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.