

Freedom of Information request 449-18

Request

I am writing to you to request, under the Freedom of Information act, the following things. First, any documents produced by your organisation outlining planning or preparations for the upcoming exit of the United Kingdom from the European Union. Second any advice or notices to stakeholders given by your trust in relation to the upcoming exit from the EU. Finally, a list of any payments made to external organisations or companies for services in relation to your preparation for the exit of the United Kingdom from the European Union since 23 June 2016, including, if possible, the name of the organisation or company and a description of the services requested.

Response

A paper on EU withdrawal was on the agenda of the Borders Health Board meeting on 2 August 2018. The paper can be viewed on the NHS Borders website:

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/media/638093/Appendix-2018-67-EU-Withdrawal.pdf>

A microsite has been developed to assist EU nationals with resources and support. Staff members affected by Brexit can access a confidential contact. Various links and documents appear on the microsite including:

Details of the Home Office settlement scheme for EU citizens:

www.gov.uk/government/news/home-office-publishes-details-of-settlement-scheme-for-eu-citizens

and details of how to keep up-to-date with developments around the UK-EU negotiations and EU citizens' rights by:

- visiting the Scottish Government's website on citizen's rights:
<https://beta.gov.scot/publications/position-eu-citizens-rights/>
- signing up for email alerts from the Home Office on citizens' rights:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/status-of-eu-nationals-in-the-uk-what-you-need-to-know>
- visiting the European Commission's website on citizen's rights:
https://ec.europa.eu/unitedkingdom/services/your-rights/Brexit_en

Reproduced Scottish Government guidance for line managers and NHS staff:



Guidance for NHS
Scotland Line Manage



Guidance for NHS
Scotland Staff.pdf

We have made no payments to external organisations or companies for services in relation to our preparation for the exit of the United Kingdom from the European Union since 23 June 2016.

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 **449-18** 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.