

## Freedom of Information request 455-18

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### Request

I would like to request the following under freedom of information.  
For each of the following years:

2012/13  
2013/14  
2014/15  
2015/16  
2016/17  
2017/18  
2018/19 (to date)

- a) Please state whether NHS Borders carried out any tests, consultations, scans, treatment, surgery etc on private patients within NHS facilities (stating 'yes' or 'no')
- If 'yes', how many private patients were seen/treated in each year?
  - If 'yes', what types of treatment/service are most commonly provided to private patients by your health board?
- b) For each year, please indicate
- the total cost of providing services to private patients on NHS Borders and
  - the total amount reimbursed to NHS Borders by private patients/providers in exchange for these services
- c) In the current financial year, has the health board set aside any beds for the treatment of private patients? If so, how many?

### Response

- a) i) and b) i) The table below details the number of patients treated privately by NHS Borders and a total of the charges collected by NHS Borders for the care:

	No of patients	Charges for care provided
2012/13	196	£38,618
2013/14	115	£11,513
2014/15	75	£6,881
2015/16	43	£5,267
2016/17	34	£910
2017/18	10	£3,174
2018/19 to 31 July 18	4	£140

- a) ii) The main specialities where private care is provided are Ophthalmology, Orthopaedics and Surgical.

- b) ii) There are 2 separate charges payable for care provided to private patients.

The above table details the amount charged for care provided to private patients for the hospital element of their treatment. This is the amount which was reimbursed to the Board from the patient's insurers or paid in full by the patient themselves.

Charges are also directly made for professional services provided by the consultant/clinician in charge of the patient's care. NHS Borders does set or collect these charges. .

- c) NHS Borders do not have any beds set aside for the treatment of private patients.

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 **455-18** 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.