

## Freedom of Information request 462-18

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### Request

Please can you tell me:

- 1) How many working fax machines NHS Borders has in a) 2018 (b) 2017 and (c) 2016
- 2) What are the reasons for using fax machines instead of new, digitised technology?

### Response

NHS Borders have 88 fax machines throughout health facilities in our area. This number has not changed in the last three years.

The majority are a backup requirement for resilience, with some used for transmitting information that will not pass through the firewall.

NHS Borders is constantly improving its IT infrastructure and as technologies improve the number of fax machines may possibly reduce in the future.

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 **462-18** 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.