

## Freedom of Information request 474-18

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### Request & Response

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

1. The number of breastfeeding clinics run by the health board and the average weekly capacity of these clinics in each financial year from 2013/14 to the current year (2018/19). Please note, by 'average weekly capacity' I mean the maximum number of women who could be seen on an average week across the financial year.

Financial Year	Number of breastfeeding clinics (Local Support Groups)	Average weekly capacity (Local Support Groups)
2013/14	N/A	N/A
2014/15	5	20
2015/16	6	21
2016/17	8	31
2017/18	7	20
2018/19 to date	8	20

2. The number of specialist breastfeeding midwives employed by the health board in each financial year from 2013/14 to the current year (2018/19) and the proportion of these midwives aged over 50.

Financial Year	Number of specialist breastfeeding midwives	Proportion aged over 50
2013/14	1	0
2014/15	0	0
2015/16	0	0
2016/17	1	0
2017/18	1	0
2018/19 to date	1	0

3. How much was spent by the health board on breastfeeding support services (including money given to third party providers) in each financial year from 2013/14 to the current year (2018/19).

Financial Year	Total Spend
2013/14	£47,000
2014/15	£34,900
2015/16	£39,500
2016/17	£84,864
2017/18	£88,987
2018/19 (budgeted spend)	£93,875

Figures above include funding for the following roles within breastfeeding support within NHS Borders:

Health Improvement Specialist (2013-18)  
Breastfeeding Peer Support Coordinator (2014-18)  
Community Food Worker (2016-18)

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 **474-18** 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.