

Freedom of Information request 476-18

Request

This is a Freedom of Information request. I am interested in information from held by your organisation that relates to the process of planning and preparing for a possible future when the UK may not be a member of the European Union ("Brexit").

In particular:

1. How much has been spent on external consultants or support to advise on the implications and consequences of brexit, or recommend actions to mitigate any possible brexit impacts? If spend has occurred, please confirm the name of the supplier or suppliers and copies of any material produced by this process.
2. Please supply copies of any brexit planning documentation held by the organisation or consumed by senior management. This may include, but should not be limited to, Risk Assessments, Action Plans, Meeting minutes, Reports and presentations.
3. Please supply technical or advisory briefing documentation on brexit that has been produced by the organisation and supplied to other government agencies or bodies.
4. Please supply copies of any technical or advisory documentation that has been supplied to the agency from other public bodies that relates to Brexit contingency planning.
5. Please supply details of any assessment that has been made of the financial impact on the organisation, either positive or negative, of the brexit process. Has the organisation set-aside a contingency fund or invested as a direct consequence of the brexit process? If so, please provide summary details

Response

1. No costs incurred on external consultants or support to advise on the implications and consequences of EU withdrawal, or recommend actions to mitigate any possible EU withdrawal impacts.
2. 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>
3. No technical or advisory briefing documentation on EU withdrawal has been produced by NHS Borders.
4. The following documentation is relevant:
 - Scottish Government's website on citizen's rights: <https://beta.gov.scot/publications/position-eu-citizens-rights/>
 - 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>
 - European Commission's website on citizen's rights: https://ec.europa.eu/unitedkingdom/services/your-rights/Brexit_en

- Reproduced below Scottish Government guidance for line managers and NHS staff:



Guidance for
Managers.pdf



Guidance for
Staff.pdf

5. There has been no financial assessment of the implications of EU withdrawal.

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 **476-18** 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.