

## Freedom of Information request 477-18

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### Request

I am writing to request information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. This request is in relation to PROCEDURES CARRIED OUT ABROAD AND FUNDED BY SCOTTISH HEALTH BOARDS. By procedure I mean any scheduled medical intervention and by abroad I mean procedures carried out outside the United Kingdom.

I appreciate that this potentially involves some personal information – we do not require any information which would identify individuals or their health problems. It should be easily possible to answer this request without doing so.

If any part of this information request requires clarification or poses a specific problem please contact me as soon as possible.

Please provide the following information for each of the last five years individually.

1. How many procedures did the Board fund?
2. Please give details of each procedure funded (ie the nature of the medical problem and intervention involved).
3. How much in total was spent on procedures abroad?
4. Please give the range of costs per procedure – ie the cheapest and most expensive in each year as well as the median average.

### Response

NHS Borders has not funded any procedures that have been carried out outwith the United Kingdom.

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 **477-18** 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.