

Freedom of Information request 483-18

Request

I'm requesting information about the health authority's paediatric staff.

1. How much paediatric staff should be employed in the region when it is fully staffed?
2. How many paediatric staff are currently employed, and how many have been employed for each of the last three years?
3. How much has been spent on hiring temporary/locum paediatric staff?

Response

1. The fully staffed complement would be 7.0WTE Paediatricians.
2. Please find below the number of Paediatricians over the years requested:

2015/16:	7.0 WTE paediatrician
2016/17:	7.0 WTE paediatrician
2017/18:	6.9 WTE paediatrician
Current (30/09/18):	6.9 WTE paediatrician

3. The Board incurred costs for Paediatric Agency Staffing as follows
 - 2015/16 - £79,828.53 (Medical Agency)
 - 2016/17 - £57,961.06 (Medical Agency)
 - 2017/18 - £4,449.64 (Medical Agency)

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 **483-18** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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