

## Freedom of Information request 500-18

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### Request

Please provide me with information relating to the usage of transvaginal mesh in your health board over the following financial years

2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19-to-date:

- How many transvaginal mesh implant kits were purchased each year?
- How many times has transvaginal mesh been used in the treatment of a woman?

### Response

- NHS Borders purchased 50 transvaginal mesh kits in 2014/15 but none since.
- During the period 17 June 2014 - 9 June 2016 35 women were implanted with polypropylene transvaginal mesh medical devices as part of their treatment for Stress Urinary Incontinence (SUI) and no woman as part of their treatment for Pelvic Organ Prolapse (POP).

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 **500-18** 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.