

## Freedom of Information request 504-18

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### Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act I would like to request the following:

Copies of electronic and written correspondence between the Scottish Government and Chief Officers, Chief Finance Officers and Chairs of Integration Joint Boards on:

- Reduction in funding available for services commissioned by IJBs
- The use of "set-aside budgets"
- Prescribing budgets
- Costs associated with the national living wage
- Also, copies of minutes of meetings between the Scottish Government and chairs/vice chairs of IJBs and meetings between the Scottish Government and Chief Finance Officers of IJBs

### Response

Please find below copies of correspondence and emails between the Scottish Government and Chief Officers, Finance Officers and Chairs of Scottish Borders Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board that is held by NHS Borders. Further information may be held by Scottish Borders Council and therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data may be accessible elsewhere:



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 **504-18** 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.

