

## Freedom of Information request 523-18

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### Request

1. Can you advise how many Fairtrade products and what these are which are used by NHS Borders?
2. Do you incorporate requirements for Fairtrade products in your procurement policy?
3. What advice/guidance on procurement of Fairtrade products?
4. How much is spent (expressed as a percentage of overall expenditure) on Fairtrade products where these would be relevant-such as foodstuffs etc.?

### Response

1. National Services Scotland (NSS) National Procurement list 625 food and drink products which are Fairtrade. Of these Borders purchase 310 ambient or frozen fruit and vegetables products.
2. Fairtrade products are incorporated into the NSS procurement policy.
3. NSS NP tender on behalf of Borders, a full community benefits and fair work practice policy is included within each framework. All suppliers must submit, if appropriate, a full range of Fairtrade products available to the board.
4. The spend is approx 8-12% of NHS Borders' overall expenditure.

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 **523-18** 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.