

## Freedom of Information request 529-18

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### Request

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please could you tell me, for each of the annual rota rotations in 2011/2012, 2013/2014, 2014/15, 2016/2017, 2017/18, 2018/19:

1. How many WTE registrar posts on the general medical on-call rota were filled by junior doctors acting above their grade.

If any registrar on-call post was covered for only part of an annual rotation, please indicate the length of time during which this occurred.

2. How many junior doctors acted above their grade on the general medical registrar on-call rota, what their training grade was at the time, and, if known, how many years of experience they had working for the NHS.

3. The average number of months for which junior doctors acted above their grade on the medical registrar on-call rota and the average number of hours they worked overnight as the on-call medical registrar.

4. How many hours junior doctors shadowed the on-call medical registrar before themselves acting up on the general medical registrar rota.

5. If there was a senior medical registrar and/or consultant on site for each of the shifts in which a junior doctor was acting above their grade and working as the on-call medical registrar.

6. What additional remuneration junior doctors acting above their grade received for the hours worked as the on-call medical registrar.

7. The number of sick days taken by junior doctors who were acting above their grade on the medical registrar on-call rota and how many of these days were taken due to stress.

Where possible, could you please provide this information broken down by hospital location. For reference, an annual rota rotation denotes the period that runs between each August staff changeover.

### Response

1. From 2011 onwards no registrar posts on the general medical on-call rota have been filled by junior doctors acting above their grade.

2-7 Not applicable.

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 **529-18** 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.