

## Freedom of Information request 534-18

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### Request & Response

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information on the number and cost of agency staff and locums employed over the two week Christmas holiday period:

Please can you provide the following data for each of the past five years, for your Health Board area:

1. What is the average number of agency staff and locums employed, per day, during the two week Christmas holiday period?
2. What is the average number of agency staff and locums employed, per day, across the whole year?
3. What is the average cost of employing agency staff and locums, per day, during the two week Christmas holiday period?
4. What is the average cost of employing agency staff and locums, per day, across the whole year?

If suitable, please provide the data in following format:

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Average number of staff and locums employed during the Christmas holiday period, per day.	1.25 wte	2.50 wte	2.00 wte	3.25 wte	0
Average number of staff and locums employed across the whole year, per day.	4.56 wte	3.55 wte	3.20 wte	3.25 wte	1.25 wte
Average cost of employing agency staff and locums during the Christmas holiday period, per day. (£)	£66.08 per hour	£70.55 per hour	£66.00 per hour	£80.50 per hour	n/a
Average cost of employing agency staff and locums across the whole year, per day. (£)	£67.14 per hour	£65.00 per hour	£72.50 per hour	£74.00 per hour	£72.50 per hour

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 **534-18** 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.