

Freedom of Information request 550-18

Request

I write under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 to request the following information:

1. How many specialist epilepsy nurses are currently employed within NHS Borders?
2. How many specialist epilepsy consultants are currently employed within NHS Borders?
 - a. How many specialist epilepsy consultants work in each hospital within NHS Borders?
3. How many epilepsy patients have registered with NHS Borders in each of the past 3 years?

Response

1. There are no specialist epilepsy nurses currently employed by NHS Borders.
2. NHS Borders employs 2 specialist epilepsy consultants who work within the Borders General Hospital.
3. This data is not recorded on our electronic patient management system therefore to extract this data would require a manual trawl of all patient records and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 and therefore we are not required to provide.

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.

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 **550-18** 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.