

Freedom of Information request 584-18

Request

1. Can you tell me what the financial cost of wasted medicines has been on the board year on year starting in 2014.
2. If possible, can you also give a measurement in weight.
3. Lastly, what are the main reasons for wasted medicines?

Response

1. NHS Borders are unable to quantify the cost of wasted medicines. This information is not held, therefore under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 we are not required to provide.
2. NHS Borders do not weigh wasted medicines, therefore this information is not held and under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 we are unable to provide.
3. The reason for wasted medicines is not recorded. There may be various reasons for wasted medicines such as course of treatment stopping and remaining medication returned or death of a patient medication returned.

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 **584-18** 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.