

Freedom of Information request 599-18

Request

Please provide me with your full registers covering all interests of, and gifts, hospitality, or sponsorship received by, staff members, or employees of your organisation, or your organisation, from January 1, 2014 to the present day.

This may be one register, list, or document, or it may be split into a number of different registers covering different aspects of the above – regardless of how you store this information, please provide any and all registers covering that time period.

For the avoidance of doubt, I am interested in the registers which would include information including – but not limited to:

- The sponsorship of educational or other organisational activities, which take place on your organisation's premises or under the auspices of your organisation, whether in the form of fully/partly funding activities, providing resources such as refreshments or venues, or other forms of support.
- The sponsorship of individuals or groups, employed by or affiliated to your organisation, perhaps in terms of fully/partly covering travel costs, admission fees, or other costs to attend conferences, education, training, or any other form of support.
- Sponsorship of individuals to gain recognised qualifications – e.g. a grant to support a PHD.
- Any paid work undertaken by your staff members or employees for third parties, or any other interests relating to your staff members or employees and third parties.
- Any gifts or hospitality provided to individuals or the organisation.
- Any awards provided to members of the staff or employees which are accompanied by a financial reward, resources, the covering of travel costs, or other 'prize' with monetary value.
- And, if held, details of all sponsorship, funding or other support for research, studies, or trials carried out by your organisation, or by individuals at your organisation.

If you do not hold information covering all of these areas please send me only those from the areas you do hold information on.

Please note that I am not looking for just your most recent registers, but those which cover the entire period back to January 1 2014. This may mean sending me a number of different registers or other documents. I am aware you publish some of this material online, but data from this far back and covering all these areas are not available on your website. There is therefore no argument that this material is already in the public domain.

Please note that I would expect each item on each register to include all standard information usually published on such records, such as the date or dates, the individual/team/event at your organisation it was provided to, the approximate or exact value, the reason for accepting, the organisation or individual providing the gift/hospitality/sponsorship/etc, their reason for providing it or what they received in return, and so on. I am not requesting more personal information than is usually disclosed on these records, or for additional information to be added.

If it is easier to provide the information from the financial year 2013/14 to the present day, please feel free to do this instead.

Response

Please find below a link to the NHS Borders public website where we publish details of the Gifts and Hospitality Register. Also attached is a copy of the policy pertaining to Gifts and Hospitality for NHS Staff which is contained within the NHS Borders Code of Conduct:

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/corporate-information/about-the-board/board-member-register-of-interests/nhs-borders-register-of-gifts-and-hospitality/>



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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 **599-18** 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.