

## Freedom of Information request 610-18

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### Request

I wish to request the following under freedom of information laws and would accept any response to this e-mail address –

- 1) The total amount paid by the health board to nursing homes and care homes in each of the last three years.
- 2) The total number of people who have received care at these facilities, paid for by the health board, in each of the last three years.
- 3) Any estimates for the total number of hours, days, weeks, months or years worth of care provided at these facilities, at the expense of the health board, in the same period.

### Response

NHS Borders may contribute to the cost of individual packages of care where placement of the client/patient is to a Nursing or Care Home. The contractual documentation and details of the agreed care packages are held by Scottish Borders Council (SBC) as part of the delivery of Social Care services. NHS Borders is charged by SBC for the approved NHS contribution. Therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data would be accessible from SBC.

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 **610-18** 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.