

## Freedom of Information request 1-19

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### Request

Please send me the following information for your regional NHS board:

1. The population covered.
2. The number of Consultant Dermatologists that you employ.
3. The number of locum doctors working in dermatology.
4. The number of locum doctors working in dermatology who are not on the specialist register.
5. The number of locum doctors working in dermatology who are not on the specialist register and are working in isolation (i.e. single-handed).
6. If the regional NHS board has dermatology services available for ward patients and emergency room (ER) on a daily basis.
7. The number of Consultant Dermatologists that undertake community clinics.
8. Do any Consultant Dermatologists employed by the regional NHS boards work wholly in the community?

### Response

1. The population covered by NHS Borders is approximately 115,020.
2. Currently budgeted for 2.6WTE, there is currently 1 consultant in post and the service is under review.
3. There is currently 1 locum consultant directly employed on an ad hoc basis to support achievement of outpatient waiting times. This arrangement may change further to the outcome of the service review. Two specialist GPs also support outpatient dermatology services under the direct supervision of a consultant.
4. None.
5. None.
6. Yes.
7. None.
8. No.

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 **1-19** 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.