

Freedom of Information request 4-19

Request

1. Is your NHS Trust/ Group offering to cover the cost of application fees for staff who apply for Settled Status?
2. Is your NHS Trust/ Group also offering to cover the costs of Settled Status applications for the families of members of staff?
3. What is the current estimate for the total cost to the NHS Trust/ Group for covering Settled Status application fees?
4. What is the total amount that the NHS Trust/ Group has budgeted to cover Settled Status application fees?

Response

1. Yes.
2. No.
3. A cost of £260 was incurred during the health and social care sector's participation in the pilot to test the application process before it launches to the general public. The pilot was applicable from 29 November 2018 – 21 December 2018. The estimated total for the duration of the settlement scheme when it is launched is £3000.
4. No budget has been set at the present time as the costs of the scheme will cross over more than one financial year.

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 **4-19** 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.