

Freedom of Information request 81-19

Request

I request, under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 the following information individually and separately in terms of the legislation:

1. Regarding the Scottish Government apportioning funding among Boards to reduce Waiting Times, totalling £51.6 million in 2017/2018 and £50million in 2018 /2019, please state
 - a) how much of your board's funding allocation you gave to aid waiting times in your chronic pain services or
 - b) if nothing was given to your chronic pain services, please also state for these two tranches,
 - c) specifying only this Barnett Consequentials additional funding, not other sources:
 - First round: In 2017 - 2018
 - Second round: 2018- 2019
2. Secondly, did you receive recommendations and help from the Scottish Government (officials and appointees) on which services to select for this funding in their notification letters or other sources.

Response

1. a) NHS Borders have not allocated any Waiting Times funding to Chronic Pain services during 2017/18 or 2018/19.

b) & c) No additional funding related to the first and second tranche of the Barnett Consequentials was allocated to the Chronic Pain service.
2. NHS Borders did not receive recommendations from the Scottish Government on which services to select for this funding.

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 **81-19** 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.