

Freedom of Information request 112-19

Request

I am requesting the following information in relation to the consultant obstetric units and midwifery led units in your Health Board area.

What are the current numbers of staff in your units in terms of the following?

1. Medical Staffing - consultant and all other grades of medical staffing including junior doctors. How many of these posts are currently filled by locums?
2. Nursing Staffing - midwives and all other 'skills mix' such as Advanced Nurse Practitioners. How many of these posts are currently filled by locums?
3. Are any other staff deployed in your units which don't fit the above categories?

Response

1. Please find below data as per request:

Consultant – 8 Headcount, 6.2 WTE of which 1 headcount, 0.1 WTE filled by locum Training Grade
Specialty Registrar - 4 Headcount, 4 WTE of which zero filled by locum
General Practice Specialty Trainee - 3 Headcount, 3 WTE of which zero filled by locum
Foundation House Officer Year 2 - 2 Headcount, 2 WTE of which zero filled by locum

2. Information about the midwifery workforce as of 31 December 2018 is available from the ISD website at the following link, therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this information is accessible elsewhere:

<https://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Workforce/Publications/2019-03-05/Nursing-and-Midwifery.asp>

Skill Mix – 3 Midwives are trained as Assisted Birth Practitioners (ABP)

No Midwife posts are filled by a locum.

3. Not applicable.

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 **112-19** 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.