

## Freedom of Information request 120-19

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### Request

The information I request relates to the ability of your Board to deliver timely services in providing hearing tests and in the fitting of hearing aids. In particular, I ask that you provide me with :

1. How many degree-qualified audiologists are employed by your Board, as at January 2019 and expressed in Full Time Equivalents
2. How many vacant posts for degree-qualified audiologists are there in your Board as at January 2019, expressed in FTEs
3. In the context of workforce planning, how many degree-qualified audiologists do you estimate will be required by your Board in 5 years' time and in 10 years' time

### Response

1. As at 31 January 2019 there are 4.54 WTE degree-qualified audiologists employed by NHS Borders.
2. There are no vacancies currently.
3. Workforce planning on a 3 year cycle, the projection indicted no change for qualified audiologists.

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 **120-19** 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.