

Freedom of Information request 150-19

Request

I would like to submit the following queries on behalf of Brian Whittle MSP under Freedom of Information:

- Please supply a list of all brands of infant formula milk purchased by the NHS board for use in maternity units and the form in which it is provided (e.g. powdered, ready made bottles, etc.)
- For each brand of infant formula milk purchased, what was the total annual cost paid and volume received in the last available financial year and was the infant formula milk was purchased at full price, a reduced rate (if so, please give details of the reduction) or received free of charge.
- For each brand of infant formula milk purchased, please identify the supplier to the NHS Board

Response

The following brands and the form in which it is provided is as follows:

- Aptamil, Cow and Gate and SMA 70 ml ready made bottles
- Cow and Gate standard teat and SMA nutrition hygienic teat

The total amount paid from 1 April 2018 to 4 March 2019 was £3,533.45, this was for 11,520 units. These units are charged as follows:

- Baby Food Apt Profutura First Milk 70ml – Scottish contract price 1 x 24 £7.24 – Retail price 1 x 24 £22.00
- Milk First Infant IMF Liquid 90153 – Scottish contract price 1 x 24 £6.01 – Retail price 1 x 6 £7.00
- Milk Infant First Infant from Birth 70ml SMA Pro 12296463 – Scottish contact price 1 x 32 £5.45 – Retail price 1 x 6 £7.00

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 **150-19** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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