

## Freedom of Information request 158-19

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### Request

Under the freedom of information act please could you answer the following questions regarding your Radiology department:

1. Does your Trust Outsource Radiology Reporting (Diagnosis)?, if yes which Reporting Houses do they use?
2. In the last financial year what % of Radiology Reporting (Diagnosis) has been outsourced to companies such as 4ways, Medica, Everlight and Telemedicine.
3. What was the total spend in the last financial year for the outsourcing of Radiology Reporting (Diagnosis).
4. Has the Trust previously used the Health Trust Europe (HTE) Framework to purchase services within the Trust.

### Response

1. Some reporting has been outsourced to TMC.
2. Approximately 2.5% of reporting in 2018/19 has been outsourced.
3. The total expenditure in 2018/19 for this outsourcing was £62,000.
4. NHS Borders has not used the Health Trust Europe Framework.

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 **158-19** 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.