

Freedom of Information request 209-19

Request

Under the freedom of information act please

1. State whether you charge doctors for overnight stay if working a 24 hour on call shift?
 - a) If yes please state the charge
2. Where a doctor finds that they are too tired to drive home do you charge for a period of rest?.
 - a) Do you charge for use of a rest room in these circumstances and if so
 - b) How much do you charge
 - c) Do you advertise to Doctors that they should avail themselves of a rest room if they feel they are too tired to drive home?

Response

1. NHS Borders do not charge doctors for overnight stays.
2. a. NHS Borders do not charge for the use of a rest room.
 - b. Not applicable.
 - c. Please find below an extract from the appointment to post letter/placement detail information:

'Alternatively should your main place of residence be elsewhere we will make the facility of a temporary on-call room or similar available when you are allocated long days or night duty on your rota pattern. We make this facility available for health and safety reasons so that you would not be required to undertake unnecessary commuting whilst undertaking these unsocial duty shifts. This facility would be available at no charge and there is no income tax liability.'

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 **209-19** 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.