

Freedom of Information request 222-19

Request

My name is Xiaocheng Hu. You can call me Sam. I am a research fellow at the University of Exeter Medical School.

I am writing to ask about gaseous and intravenous anaesthetic agents used across your Board. In particular, I would like to know the total volume and total amount spent individually for EACH of the following agents sevoflurane, desflurane, isoflurane, nitrous oxide, and propofol PER YEAR between 2006 and 2018 as shown below:

- Total (annual) volume purchased for EACH agent (incl. sevoflurane, desflurane, isoflurane, nitrous oxide, and propofol) PER YEAR for 2006-2018 (in millilitres or litres).
- Total (annual) volume used/issued for EACH agent PER YEAR for 2006-2018 (in millilitres or litres).

If it is easier to provide another unit of measure, please provide details so that I can calculate the volume.

If not violating commercial sensitivity, please also include the total (annual) amount spent on EACH agent PER YEAR for 2006-2018 (in pounds sterling) and the name of the manufacturers/suppliers. Also, please state whether the total amount spent includes or excludes VAT.

Response

Please find attached the spreadsheet completed as per your request. NHS Borders do not hold data prior to 2013 in a way that can be easily extracted therefore under Section 12 Cost of Compliance of the FOI(S)A 2002 we are unable to provide:



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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 **222-19** 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.