

## Freedom of Information request 223-19

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### Request

Thank you for your time to read my request under the Freedom of Information Act.

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 intravenous anaesthetic agent - Propofol - used across your Board. In particular, I would like to know the total volume of propofol used/issued PER YEAR between 2006 and 2018 by intensive care unit (ICU) and operating theatre (OT) as shown below:

- Total (annual) volume of propofol used/issued in ICU units PER YEAR for 2006-2018 (in millilitres or litres).
- Total (annual) volume of propofol used/issued in OT units PER YEAR for 2006-2018 (in millilitres or litres).

If it is easier to provide another unit of measure (for example, vial), please provide details of the products (incl. pack size and mL per vial) so that I can calculate the volume in millilitres/litres.

In the case of exceeding the statutory time limits as set out in the FOI Act, I am happy to receive the information for the last couple of years i.e. 2016-2018.

I am happy to receive the information electronically.

### Response

NHS Borders do not record the level of data requested. Under Section 15 of the FOI(S)A 2002 Duty to provide advice and assistance please find below the total volume of Propofol used and purchased in the years 2013 to 2018 by NHS Borders:

Year	Annual volume used (btl)
2013	2,806.00
2014	7,075.00
2015	6,812.00
2016	6,943.00
2017	6,528.00
2018	6,253.00

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](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 **223-19** 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.