

Freedom of Information request 250-19

Request

The following questions relate exclusively to acute stroke units run by your trust. If you have more than one stroke unit within your trust, please answer each question separately for each unit and note clearly the name of the stroke unit each individual answer refers to.

1. How many stroke consultant vacancies were there in each of the following years? Please express your answer in terms of whole time equivalent.
 - 2017
 - 2018
2. What was the whole time equivalent for band 6 and 7 nurses per 10 stroke unit beds in each of the following years?
 - 2017
 - 2018
3. Did you offer a full time qualified psychologist in each of the follow years?
 - 2017
 - 2018
4. If yes, was one whole time equivalent (WTE) qualified clinical psychologist available for every 30 stroke unit beds in each of the following years?
 - 2017
 - 2018

Response

1. NHS Borders had no stroke consultant vacancies in either 2017 or 2018.
2. For both years NHS Borders had one WTE Band 6 nurse and one 0.5 WTE Band 7 nurse within the Stroke Unit. Please note we have a 12 bed stroke unit therefore the answer above is based on this.
3. NHS Borders do not offer a full time qualified psychologist in either year.
4. Not applicable.

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 **250-19** 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.