

## Freedom of Information request 278-19

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### Request

1. How many agency nursing shifts have your Health Board used Scottish Nursing Guild (SNG) services for in the last 30 days?
2. Please provide a breakdown of the amount of shifts per ward or Departments that SNG filled for agency nurses in the last 30 days.
3. What other nursing agencies do you use off contract/off framework?
4. How many nursing shifts did other off contract agencies fill in the last 30 days?
5. Do your prison services utilise SNG? Please provide a breakdown of shifts filled in each relevant prison in the last 30 days if so.
6. What is the total value of your off contract agency spend for nurses in the last 12 months, broken down on a month by month basis? From May 2018 to May 2019
7. Please break this down on an agency by agency basis (only off contract nursing suppliers)

### Response

1. NHS Borders have used Scottish Nursing Guild (SNG) services for 23 shifts in the last 30 days.
2. Please find below a breakdown of the amount of shifts per department that were filled by SNG agency nurses in the last 30 days:
  - Intensive Therapy Unit – 14 shifts
  - Medical Assessment Unit – 4 shifts
  - Dept of Medicine for Elderly – 4 shifts
  - Haylodge Community Hospital – 1 shift
3. RMR
4. None
5. There are no prisons within the Scottish Borders and NHS Borders does not have responsibility for health in any prison.
- 6 & 7 Please find attached a spreadsheet which provides data as per request:



Registered and  
Unregistered Agency

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 **278-19** 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.