

## Freedom of Information request 325-19

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### Request

I write to request information about the rollout of The Community Care (Personal Care and Nursing Care (Scotland) Amendment (No 2) Regulations 2018, also known as Frank's Law. There were reports this week that funding for the rollout was used by one Health and Social Care Partnership redirected funding provided by the Scottish Government. Councillor Hugh Hunter, who sits on the South Ayrshire Integration Joint Board, said: "These are unpleasant and unpalatable decisions but we need to produce a balanced budget. Financial regulations demanded that." I write to ask (a) how much in pounds the Scottish Government provided to your council for the rollout of Frank's Law – extending free personal care to all those who need it; and (b) how much of that funding from the Scottish Government has been used and will be used to fund the extension of free personal care to all those that need it; and (c) if the money has been redirected, what has it been used for.

### Response

This information is not held by NHS Borders. Under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this information may be otherwise accessible by contacting Scottish Borders Council.

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 **325-19** 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.