

## Freedom of Information request 347-19

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### Request

This is a freedom of information request under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. The information I require is as follows:

- 1) The number of car parking spaces you have for your employees at all your properties, and the location of said properties.
- 2) If your employees have completed a staff travel survey which includes questions on the method of transport used to get to their place of work, and if so, when.
- 3) If yes to Q2, what percentage of staff said they used a car as their primary method of transport to work.

### Response

1. The Borders General Hospital has 1101 parking spaces, none of which are specifically reserved for staff, apart from 68 car sharing spaces which are for permit holders only between 8am and 1pm.

At our Health Centre and Community Hospital locations there are 494 car park spaces in total, some spaces may be designated for essential clinical staff who require access to their vehicle quickly if they are called out to a medical emergency. We do not hold data on how many spaces are allocated, therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is not held.

2. NHS Borders conducted a staff survey as part of our BGH Travel Plan 2014/15. A survey has not been conducted in any other Health Board area.
3. In the 2014/15 survey out of the 730 responses received 87% said they used a car as their primary method of transport.

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 **347-19** 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.

