

Freedom of Information request 356-19

Request

Using the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act, I would like to obtain the following:

1. The dates of employment at the health board for Zholia Alemi – who fraudulently claimed to be a psychiatrist – and how many patients she treated in that time.
2. The number of patients who were prescribed medication by Alemi during that time.
3. The number of patients who were sectioned or detained with Alemi's approval during that time.
4. The number of patients being treated by Alemi who were given electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) during that time.

Response

NHS Borders are unable to provide this data at present as Police Scotland are continuing to conduct enquiries into this case and possible criminal charges are yet to be determined by the Crown Office Prosecutor Fiscal Office therefore the release of this information might adversely affect ongoing investigations. Under Section 34(c) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this data is being withheld.

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 **356-19** 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.