

Freedom of Information request 357-19

Request

I write to request information about the amount of money spent on prescription formula for babies with Cow's Milk Protein Allergy (CMA).

In each of the last ten years please tell me how much in pounds was spent by your health board on prescriptions for

(a) eHF - extensively hydrolysed formula and

(b) AAF amino acid formula.

I request the figure for each of the last ten years so that I can assess whether there has been a rise or fall in the spending on babies with CMA who are prescribed eHF and AAF.

Response

Please find below how much was spent by NHS Borders on prescriptions for eHF and AAF formula in the last 10 years:

	Hydrolysed £	Amino acid £
2009	9608	7991.89
2010	18230.34	24685.81
2011	23568.27	30214.77
2012	26013.26	33183.17
2013	23499.11	38877.83
2014	35619.94	48762.2
2015	34581.33	79818.28
2016	39559.85	93285
2017	52501.73	101090.24
2018	53253.7	104481.36
2019	9009.39	10553.4

Note: Babies are individuals less than 12 months, so I have excluded any products intended for children greater than 12 months old. We do not hold data on the indication these products were prescribed for, so although it has been prescribed we cannot say it is necessarily for Cow's Milk Protein Allergy.

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 **357-19** 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.