

Freedom of Information request 377-19

Request and Response

I would like to make a freedom of Information (FOI) request to provide an answer to the following question relating to the to the most recent (please provide date) Specialist Skin Cancer Multidisciplinary Team (SSMDT) meeting(s) held in your respective NHS trust in the form of an electronic reply to each item:

1. Venue (s)

Video Conference Suite, Borders General Hospital

2. Medical staff present based on attendance records (including consultant surgeons, consultant medical oncologists, consultant clinical oncologists, consultant radiologists, consultant histopathologists, junior doctors [Specialist Registrars and Foundation Doctors] clinical nurse specialists and SSMDT coordinator)

Dermatology Sister and Consultant in Dermatology

3. Hourly salary details of all participants

This information is withheld as this is deemed personal information, therefore under Section 38(1)(b) of the FOI(S)A 2002 we are not required to provide.

4. Time spent by each team member in preparing for the SSMDT meeting

This information is not recorded therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A this data is not held.

5. Time spent by team coordinator preparing for and disseminating SSMDT outcome

This information is not recorded therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A this data is not held.

6. Running time in minutes of the SSMDT

The recorded time for the duration of this meeting was 1 hour.

7. Number of new cases discussed

40

8. Number of re-discussions discussed (re-discussion defined as any patient discussed at the same point in their pathway but following an additional tests or any patient brought back to MDT for re-discussion of the same test results)

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9. Did any patients attend the meeting?

No.

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 **377-19** 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.