

## Freedom of Information request 401-19

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### Request

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act to request the following information. If the information can be provided faster than 20 days, please do so.

1. Have your information-sharing practices related to the Named Person policy changed at any stage over the last five years? Please provide information on when changes were made and what changes were made.
2. In relation to the Named Person policy, has your information-sharing guidance been updated at any stage in the last five years? Please provide information on when changes were made and what changes were made.
3. Particularly in relation to Parts 4 and 5 of the Children and Young People (Scotland) Act 2014 - has any of your guidance or practices changed at any stage over the last five years? Please provide information on when changes were made and what changes were made.

### Response

1. Scottish Borders has not implemented the Named Person Service.
2. Not applicable.
3. Information sharing guidance was updated as per the Information Commissioners letter circulated in 2016 (attached with response).

Scottish Borders Child's Planning Manual (updated 2017) includes updated information from Scottish Government GIRFEC website providing guidance re information sharing.



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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 **401-19** 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.