

Freedom of Information request 406-19

Request

Assessing variation in Axial Spondyloarthritis Services

NB Throughout this Freedom of Information request we will refer to axial SpA (AS) to cover the whole spectrum of axial spondyloarthritis including ankylosing spondylitis.

The National Ankylosing Spondylitis Society is the only UK charity dedicated solely to supporting people with axial spondyloarthritis (axial SpA) including ankylosing spondylitis (AS). We are currently carrying out an exercise looking at the key components of care for people with axial SpA (AS), and implementation around the UK, in the form of a Freedom of Information request.

The questions included within this Freedom of Information request are structured around the NICE Guideline for Spondyloarthritis and supporting Quality Standard. There is also one question relating to NICE TA383. The development of the question set has been informed through input from leading clinicians and stakeholders in the area.

The information given will be used to map current services in the UK and to offer assistance to improve services where it is needed. NASS will not use this information to publicly 'name and shame' individual organisations – we are simply looking for honest answers to build a true picture.

Response

Please find below completed questionnaire as per request:



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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.

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 **406-19** 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.

