

Freedom of Information request 437-19

Request

Would you please be able to confirm the following information in relation to rental of specialist bariatric beds and bariatric air mattresses?

1. Number of rental episodes year to date 2019
2. Total of installation charges year to date 2019
3. Total of equipment removal charges year to date 2019
4. If this level of information is not available, please advise the total number of bariatric patient admissions year to date 2019.

Response

1. NHS Borders had 25 rental episodes in the year to date.
2. £2340 installation (delivery charges)
3. £1740 removal (collection charges)
4. Data on a patient's weight is not recorded on the electronic patient management system. To extract this data would require a manual trawl of all patient notes and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002 and therefore we are not required to provide.

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 **437-19** 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.