

## Freedom of Information request 473-19

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### Request

Please see below a request made under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act.

On how many occasions in the past five years has your health board become aware of an attempt made to hack your IT system.

Could this be broken down by year and, if possible, could you detail whether or not the hacking attempt was successful.

Any additional information on the potential source of the hack, even just by country, would be appreciated.

### Response

1. This information is not recorded therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 we cannot provide.
2. There has been one successful attempt to hack into our IT systems in 2017.
3. This was from North Korea.

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 **473-19** 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.