

Freedom of Information request 496-19

Request

This is a request for information made pursuant to Freedom of Information legislation. I would be grateful if you would answer the following questions.

Question 1:

I wish to request information, in respect of the volume per annum of surgical dyes the trust purchases; for example , methylene blue dye, (unbranded), Blue Marker, or Prove Blue , and the amount of indigo carmine and Patent blue. This request is for the number of ampules of each for use as a surgical dye (but not marker pen use.)

Question 2:

Could you provide information on which surgical specialties use surgical dyes? (no information required to which speciality uses which dye)

Response

1. The table below details the number of surgical dyes purchased by NHS Borders in 2018/19:

Product	Quantity Received
PATENT BLUE VIOLET!2.5%!INJECTION (2mL)	3
METHYLTHIONINIUM CHLORIDE!50mg/10mL (0.5%)!INJECTION	2
INDIGO CARMINE!20mg/5mL (0.4%)!INJECTION	3

2. Surgical dyes are used in breast surgery and gynaecological surgery procedures.

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 **496-19** 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.