

Freedom of Information request 499-19

Request

1. How many consultant anaesthetists are currently employed in **each** of your maternity units? How many of these are locums?
2. How many middle grade anaesthetists are currently employed in **each** of your maternity units? How many of these are locums?
3. How many trainee doctors are currently employed in **each** of your maternity units?
4. Is there currently a resident anaesthetist 24/7 available to your maternity units?
5. Do you currently offer an epidural service in all your consultant led maternity units?
6. How many anaesthetic vacancies at each level do you currently have in each of your maternity units?

Response

Please note that consultant anaesthetists, middle grade anaesthetists and trainee doctors at Borders General Hospital are not solely employed in the maternity unit – they will provide cover to the unit along with cover for General Anaesthesia and ITU.

1. There are 16 consultant anaesthetists, of which 1 is a locum.
2. There are 7 middle grade anaesthetists, of which 1 is a locum.
3. There are 5 trainee doctors.
4. Yes.
5. Yes.
6. There are currently no anaesthetics vacancies.

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 **499-19** 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.