

Freedom of Information request 522-19

Request

In particular, we require the following information:

1. Copies of documentation relative to the standards of how to assess any sick child, with reference to the Advanced Paediatric Life Support;
2. Guidance in respect of how to assess a sick child, based on the above noted APLS principles; and
3. Documents/information/guidance relative to those presenting with abdominal pain within paediatrics.

Response

1. Within NHS Borders there are posters displayed on walls and in folders that reference the APLS algorithms for practitioners to follow along with access to the reference book for APLS:



Paediatric Shock and
Non-Shock Algorithm.

2. Please find attached a copy of the NHS Borders Paediatric Emergency Department Guidelines that reference the assessment of the sick child reflective of APLS practice principles:



BGH ED Paeds
Guidelines re APLS.pc

Within the Paediatric Unit medical and nurse practitioner staff are put on APLS / EPALS courses to ensure they are familiar with these principles and maintain these in their working practice.

3. Please find attached below guidance for practitioners in respect of paediatric patients presenting with abdominal pain, this references the APLS principles of assessment:



BGH ED Paeds
Guidelines re Abdomir

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 **522-19** 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.