

## Freedom of Information request 558-19

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### Request

1. How many full-time equivalent consultants did the board employ in each of the following time periods (please break down by specialism)?

2016/17  
2017/18  
2018/19  
H1 2019/20

2. How many consultants retired from practice in each of the following time periods?

2016/17  
2017/18  
2018/19  
H1 2019/20

3. How many overtime shifts were worked by consultants in each of the following time periods (please break down by specialism)?

2016/17  
2017/18  
2018/19  
H1 2019/20

### Response

1. Information regarding consultant numbers by specialty can be found on the ISD website at the following link: <https://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Workforce/Publications/2019-06-04/Medical-and-Dental.asp> therefore under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this information is otherwise available.
2. This information is not held by NHS Borders therefore under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 we are unable to provide. While a consultant may retire from their substantive post, they do not necessarily retire from medical practice.
3. Consultants do not undertake overtime shifts.

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 **558-19** 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.