

Freedom of Information request 7-20

Request

1. Please provide a copy of your uniform policy or advise where it can be found if it is publicly published.
2. Please confirm what the uniform requirements are (or which part of your uniform policy applies) for members of staff whose job titles include the term 'Nurse Specialist' (for example, Diabetic/Diabetes Nurse Specialist, Older Adult Liaison Nurse Specialist etc or similar).
3. Please confirm if members of staff working who have the term 'Nurse Specialist' included in their title are required to wear NHS National Uniform whilst working in clinical areas.
4. Please confirm if members of staff working who have the term 'Nurse Specialist' included in their title are required to wear NHS National Uniform whilst performing aseptic procedures (including but not limited to obtaining a blood sugar level measurement).

Response

1. Please find attached below copy of NHS Borders Dress Code, Uniform & Laundering Policy:



Dress Code Uniform
and Laundering Policy

2. Specialist Nurses are not required to wear NHS uniforms but must comply with sections 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 6.2, 6.3, 7.0 & 7.1 of the Dress Code, Uniform & Laundering Policy attached above.
3. At present members of staff who have the term 'Nurse Specialist' included in their title are not required to wear NHS National Uniform but must comply with the Dress Code, Uniform & Laundering Policy.
4. At present staff working who have the term 'Nurse Specialist' included in their title are not required to wear NHS National Uniform whilst performing aseptic procedures (including but not limited to obtaining a blood sugar level measurement) but must comply with the Dress Code, Uniform & Laundering Policy, in particular sections 6.2, 6.3, 7.0 & 7.1.

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 **7-20** 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.