

## Freedom of Information request 12-20

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### Request

Please can I request information for the below questions regarding the provision of certain women's health services in your area:

1. List of all practices (including address and postcode details) that are contracted to fit/offer an Internal Uterine System/Device (coil) fitting service
2. How many IUS/Ds (coils) have each practice fitted/removed/reviewed/claimed for in the financial year 2018/19
3. How much are contracted practices paid per IUS/IUD (coil) procedure (fit, remove, review or other) they currently contracted to pay per fit
4. If fitting service is available how many insertions and removals have been undertaken in the last 12 months for each practice
5. Does the practice have a bespoke clinic for IUS/D (coil) fitting or are appointments for IUS/D (coil) fits made as part of the routine appointment schedule or both
6. Is there a waiting time for IUS/IUD (coil) fits at the practice and if so how long (less than 6 weeks, between 6 weeks – 6 months, or longer than 6 months)
7. If a practice does not have its own fitting service, which practice/clinic/hospital do they refer the majority of their patients that require an IUS/D (coil) fit to (type, name, address and postcode) and how many do they refer
8. Do they have someone within the practice who provides specialist contraceptive counselling and if so what is their role (doctor, nurse, healthcare assistant, healthcare visitor or other)

### Response

- 1-2. Please find attached below document detailing the practices that are contracted to fit IUS/IUDs and how many fittings were carried out in 2018/19 and 2019/20:



FOI Appendix  
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3. Contracted practices are paid £85.51 for each IUS/IUD fitting procedure.
4. The breakdowns of fittings for the past two financial years are in the attached document. NHS Borders does not collate or hold data on device removals, therefore under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this information is not held. GP Practices are independent contractors, and under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this information would be accessible from the individual practices.

5. This information is not collated or held by NHS Borders, therefore under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this information is not held. GP Practices are independent contractors, and under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this information would be accessible from the individual practices.
6. This information is not collated or held by NHS Borders, therefore under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this information is not held. GP Practices are independent contractors, and under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this information would be accessible from the individual practices.
7. If a patient's local GP practice does not offer a fitting service then the patient would be referred to Borders Sexual Health Clinic, Galashiels Health Centre, Currie Road, Galashiels, TD1 2UA. NHS Borders do not record electronically the reason for referral therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is not held.
8. This information is not collated or held by NHS Borders, therefore under Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this information is not held. GP Practices are independent contractors, and under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this information would be accessible from the individual practices.

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 **12-20** 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.