

Freedom of Information request 59-20

Request

1. How many prescriptions were dispensed for folic acid for use in pregnancy in 2017?
2. How many prescriptions were dispensed for folic acid for use in pregnancy in 2018?
3. How many prescriptions were dispensed for folic acid for use in pregnancy in 2019?
4. What was the breakdown of costs per year?

Clarification received:

Applicant happy to accept number of prescriptions for folic acid of all indications.

Response

Please note this information is published at the following website, therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere:

<https://www.opendata.nhs.scot/dataset/prescriptions-in-the-community>

Under Section 15 Duty to provide advice and assistance please download the data file required then filter by Health Board ID (NHS Borders = S08000016) then by BNF Item Description ie Folic Acid this will provide the required data.

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 **59-20** 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.