

Freedom of Information request 102-20

Request and Response

I am making a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act on Monday 24 February 2020.

Details requested (also attached):

1. Do you have a budget for period equality / period poverty?

NHS Borders does not have a budget period equality / period poverty.

Year	Amount	Source of funding	How do you access this funding?
2019/20	N/A		
2020/21	N/A		
2021/22	N/A		

2. What budget has been spent / is being spent on period products (tampons, pads, reusables etc)?

Year	Amount	What money has been spent on	Where were products distributed?	Do you have any obligations to fulfil with this funding e.g. % spent on environmentally friendly products	Supplier used for period products
2019/20	£19.95	Sanitary products	Various Wards	This would be agreed with National Procurement	Fast Aid Products Ltd through National Procurement
2020/21	Not applicable				

3. Does the health board have autonomy to choose its period product supplier?

No.

4. Do you use a framework to source your period product supplier.
 - a. If yes, is this mandatory?

Yes, we are required to use the [National Framework](#).

5. Are you evaluating the success of providing free period products?
 - a. If yes, please send details of evaluation report

NHS Borders do not currently provide free period products to staff.

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 **102-20** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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