

Freedom of Information request 160-20

Request

Please can you confirm whether your NHS Board has the following departments at any of your hospital sites, along with which hospital site they are based at:

- Endoscopy Department
- Sterile Services Department (or any such department for the decontamination of surgical instruments i.e. HSDU, CSSD, etc.)
- Renal Department
- Estates Department (specifically for the maintenance and validation of sterilizers, instrument washers and endoscope washers)
- Medical Engineering Department (specifically for the maintenance and validation of sterilizers, instrument washers and endoscope washers)

If any of these departments are outsourced to an external company, please can you provide details of which company.

Response

All the above services/departments are provided at the Borders General Hospital, Melrose. The Medical Engineering service is based within our Estates Department with the annual testing and validation of equipment completed by Health Facilities Scotland (HFS).

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 **160-20** 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.