

Freedom of Information request 207-20

Request

Under FOI legislation can I please request the following, for your health board:

1. The amount of funding given to the Health Board by the Scottish Government due to Covid-19?
2. How much of the funding mentioned above was subsequently given to care homes?

Response

1. As at 30th June NHS Borders has received total allocations of £1.276m in relation to Scottish Government allocations for Covid-19 related expenditure. The funding comprises two separate allocations: £1.078m “to support immediate changes in the social care sector” and a further £0.197m in relation to uplift to the Scottish Living wage. Both allocations relate to functions delegated to Integration Authorities.
2. Both allocations are being transferred to Scottish Borders Council in line with the Borders Integration Joint Board mobilisation plans for Covid-19. It is for Scottish Borders Council to determine how this funding is used across its social care services and NHS Borders does not hold any information in relation to how much, if any, was allocated by the Council specifically to care home providers.

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 **207-20** 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.