

## Freedom of Information request 249-20

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### Request

Please disclose all policies, guidance, and instructions, including terms, conditions, eligibility, and format/method of payment, held by Borders Health Board with regards to:

1. Up-front funding for or reimbursement of travel available for patients and escorts of patients receiving Terminations of Pregnancy, both under nationally-directed schemes and any other provisions;
2. Up-front funding for or reimbursement for overnight stays available of patients and escorts of patients receiving Terminations of Pregnancy;
3. Where different to (1) above, up-front funding for or reimbursement of travel available for patients and escorts of patients receiving non-primary care, both under nationally-directed schemes and any other provisions; and
4. Where different to (2) above, up-front funding for or reimbursement of overnight stays available for patients and escorts of patients receiving non-primary care;

Further, please disclose:

5. The 2020-21 Borders Health Board budget for up-front funding for or reimbursement of travel and overnight stays for patients receiving:
  - a. Terminations of pregnancy; and
  - b. Non-primary care

### Response

- 1-4. NHS Borders reimburses patients for travel in the following circumstances:
  - When the patient completes and submits a HC5 form
  - When the patient's consultant refers the patient to another NHS Board. Overnight stays can be included within this scenario.

Please find attached below forms:



HC5 Form.pdf



Out of Area Travel  
Expenses Form.pdf

No up-front funding is provided by NHS Borders.

5. There is no budget held for up-front funding of travel and overnight stays for patients receiving terminations of pregnancy or non-primary care.

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 **249-20** 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.