

Freedom of Information request 323-20

Request

Please could you provide me with a copy of summary of the key themes from the Bold Revolutions End of Engagement report that is mentioned in the attached email to the Board Executive Team. This email released in my previous request.

Please could you provide me with any drafts or iterations of this summary, including comments and/or feedback relating to the summary. This would include comments and feedback sent by email.

Response

Please find attached a copy of the Action Plan which incorporates the summary of the key themes from the Bold Revolutions End of Engagement report and these can be identified as Recommendations within the document attached:



Action Plan with
Recommendations Hig

Please note we are withholding the comments and feedback received relating to this summary under Section 30(c) of the FOI(S)A. These comments and feedback were given on the understanding that the individual would be able to have a free and frank exchange of views to allow them to voice their concerns or opinions. Persons expressing subjective personal opinions would not expect this information to be disclosed into the public domain. We would argue it is in the public interest that all members are able to exchange free and frank views to allow them to offer advice. The opinions and views of the group are their personal views and do not necessarily reflect the opinions and views held by NHS Borders. The outcome of these discussions may not have any direct effect on decision making within NHS Borders.

To release these comments and feedback will have an adverse effect on the quality of discussions, individuals may feel prohibited to fully express opinions. Comments and feedback of this nature are required to discuss and take forward ideas and planning to provide services for the people of the Scottish Borders, to afford them the best quality of health services as well as continuing to adhere to best value and practice principles. These allow for a freedom to express ideas and suggestions, however, not all ideas will be taken forward and changes may be discussed that may not eventually take place. Releasing this kind of information into the public domain before express decisions have been made would be potentially misleading to the public and cause misreporting of facts. This would subsequently have an adverse impact on the conduct of public affairs which would not be in the public interest.

In coming to this decision we have taken into account the guidance produced by provided by the Scottish Information Commissioner, on section 30(c)
<http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Law/FOISA-EIRsGuidance/section30/Section30.asp>

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 **323-20** 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.