

Freedom of Information request 325-20

Request

Please see below a Freedom of Information request for –

- A list of external organisations that the board provides funding to, who provide services related to disability and/or long-term illness;
- How much funding each organisation receives;
- For what purpose the funding is provided;
- The length of time each organisation has received this funding for

It would be helpful if this information could be provided in an excel format.

Clarification Received:

I am looking for information relating to any financial support or funding the health board provides to external organizations that provide services related to disability and long-term illness. I am not sure exactly what 'patient activity level' refers to, but I am not looking for information that relates to patients directly but organizations such as 'Chest Heart and Stroke'.

Response

Please see the table below, this shows organisations at this current time NHS Borders make an annual contribution toward.

The information provided is not specific to patient care but for those organisations providing a service to the residents of NHS Borders area. The support they provide may not be exclusive to individuals with disabilities and/or long term illnesses (mental or physical).

External Organisation name	Annual Support £	Brief overview on Purpose of Organisation and & funding contribution	Length of time funding has been provided (in years)
Borders Carers Centre	23,401	A charity that is set up to support and offer a free, impartial, independent and confidential service to carers and former carers. Giving support to those caring for relatives, friends or neighbours to enable people to manage illness, disability, frailty or addiction at home. - User may not potentially have a disability or longterm illness but the service is to support the carers of this.	>5
Borders Care Voice	35,407	A third sector charity organisation working to promote equality and support change in health and social care. Working in partnership with Scottish Borders Council, NHS Borders and others to try and improve services.	>5
Chest Heart and Stroke Scotland	16,529	A charity supporting individuals and their families across Scotland following diagnosis of chest or heart condition or following a stroke . NHS Borders makes a contribution towards communication support of this service.	>5
New Horizon Borders	9,840	A charity supporting individuals in their mental health and well being in self management and recovery.	>5
Ability Borders	10,769	A charity supporting access to information for Borders residents on rights & services to people with physical disabilities & longterm conditions.	>5
Scottish Borders Council / Borders Independent Advisory Service	72,000	A charity supporting people to make informed choices ensuring views and concerns are heard. Speaking on behalf of individuals or helping them to speak about their needs to professionals. Supporting a broad range of issues especially those needing health or social care services. They have specialist workers for those with mental health problems or learning disabilities. This service is supported by NHS Borders and Scottish Borders Council	>5
Borderline Helpline	30,500	A charity providing a mental health helpline and support service. Funding to this service is due to cease at the end of November 2020	>5

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 **325-20** 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.