

Freedom of Information request 326-20

Request

Thanks for this, however I understand your board would be aware of fraud and error outside of PPE, as well as whether items of PPE had to be disposed of. Could you therefore confirm if:

1. Your board has had to reject, return or dispose of no items of PPE provided by The Scottish Government or other central partners for failing to meet safety or protection standards.
2. Your board has suffered no costs due to fraud or error since 1st January 2016 (this question covers all fraud and error, not just PPE).
3. If you could provide information on any ad-hoc PPE orders by your board

Response

1. Medline Cardinal Mask Respirator Valved RFP3FV x 100 were returned following a National Product Recall.
Tiger Medical Products: Protective Goggles and Frames Product Codes PG0001 – F and PG0001-K. 4000 frames and 18000 lenses were disposed following a National product recall issued in May 2020.
2. NHS Borders has suffered no costs due to fraud or error from 1 January 2016.
3. NHS Borders have not ordered any PPE ad-hoc.

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 **326-20** 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.