

Freedom of Information request 349-20

Request

I would be most grateful if you would supply me with the following information.

1. The total number of your workforce as a whole.
2. The total number of staff who have died FROM Covid 19 within your organization
3. The total number of staff who have been admitted to hospital as a result of Covid 19
4. The total number of staff who have been properly diagnosed with Covid 19 not requiring hospitalization
5. The total number of staff who have had to take time off work through isolation procedures not counting when the offices were actually closed

Response

1. The total number of NHS Borders workforce is 4650.
2. NHS Borders has had one member of staff die from Covid-19.
3. This information is not recorded, therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data cannot be provided.
4. We have had 83 positive diagnosis cases of Covid-19 within staff members. As before we are unable to confirm if this number includes staff who have been hospitalised or not as we do not collect this data.
5. The total number of staff who have had to take time off work through isolation procedures not counting when the offices were actually closed was 1050.

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 **349-20** 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.

