

Freedom of Information request 355-20

Request

I request the following under the freedom of information (Scotland) act of 2002:

- A) A full count and disclosure of any sectarian motivated false accusations of child sexual abuse made by NHS Borders or its personnel against any Catholic priest in Scotland between the dates of 10/03/2015 - 14/9/2020.
- B) A full count and disclosure of any sectarian motivated false accusations of child sexual abuse made by a child known to NHS Borders of the ages 0-15 against any Catholic priest in Scotland between the dates of 10/3/2015 - 14/9/2020.
- C) A full count and disclosure of any sectarian motivated false accusations of child sexual abuse made by any other adult within NHS Borders on behalf of a child aged 0 - 15 against any Catholic priest in Scotland between the dates of 10/3/2015 - 14/9/2020.

I do not wish the names of any false accusing children or falsely accused priests.

+ Please include the Galashiels Sexual Health Clinic and Galashiels Health Centre, Selkirk Health Centre, Hawick Health Centre, all abortion service vendors and all psychiatric services such as The South Team as well as all child services to NHS Borders in any searches.

Response

- A. NHS Borders holds no data on sectarian motivated false accusations of child sexual abuse made by NHS Borders or its personnel against any Catholic priest in Scotland between the dates of 10/03/2015 - 14/9/2020.
- B. NHS Borders holds no data on any sectarian motivated false accusations of child sexual abuse made by a child known to NHS Borders of the ages 0-15 against any Catholic priest in Scotland between the dates of 10/3/2015 - 14/9/2020.
- C. NHS Borders holds no data on any sectarian motivated false accusations of child sexual abuse made by any other adult within NHS Borders on behalf of a child aged 0 - 15 against any Catholic priest in Scotland between the dates of 10/3/2015 - 14/9/2020

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 **355-20** 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.