

Freedom of Information request 407-20

Request

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information;

I would like you to let me know how many Locum Echocardiographers you have had in from Jan 2020 to present including the costs to the department.

I am not requesting any personal data so this would not be a breach of any rules in place.

If you could let me know in a table as below.

Agency Name	Echocardiographers	Costs
RIG	2	£15k
Globe	12	£70k
Your World	8	£50k

Response

NHS Borders have utilised <5 individual locums through each agency and therefore in order that they cannot be identified we have not included the actual number. The total amount spent by NHS Borders on locum Echocardiographers for the period 1 January 2020 to 30 September 2020 was £57,197.79.

Name of Agency
Global Locums
IMC Locums
Maxxima Ltd
RIG Medical Recruitment
Sensible Staffing
Your World Recruitment

Please note that as NHS Borders is such a small Board the number of locums is very small, and to provide further details of these could allow individuals or their personal information to be identified and we would be in breach of the Data Protection Act 1998. We are therefore withholding all other data under Section 38(2)(ii) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. This is also in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics any number that is less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information is withheld to help maintain patient confidentiality due to potential risk of disclosure. Further information is available in the ISD Statistical Disclosure Control Protocol.

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 **407-20** 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.