

## Freedom of Information request 441-20

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### Request

1. How many consultant posts are there in your NHS board (WTE)?
2. How many consultant posts are currently vacant (WTE)?
3. Please provide a list of the currently vacant consultant posts in your health board which have been advertised on more than one occasion (i.e. been re-advertised).
4. Further to question 3, how many times has each post been advertised? Each time it was advertised, how many applications were received?
5. How many consultant posts have been vacant for a) 6 months and b) 12 months
6. What is the longest that any currently vacant consultant post has been unfilled?
7. How many consultant posts were re-advertised in 2019/20?

### Response

1. Within NHS Borders there are 97.8 WTE consultant posts.
2. There are 7.30 WTE consultant posts vacant currently.
3. Please find below a list of the currently vacant consultant posts:  
  
Haematology  
Dermatology  
Old Age Psychiatry  
Radiology  
Stroke / GIM
4. Please find below the number of times each post has been advertised and the number of applications:  
  
Haematology – twice – 1 applicant  
Dermatology – twice - zero applicants  
Old Age Psychiatry - twice - zero applicants  
Radiology - twice - zero applicants  
Stroke / GIM - twice - zero applicants
5. Please find the number of consultant posts vacant for:  
  
a) 5 posts 4.3 WTE vacant for 6 months  
b) 2 posts 2 WTE vacant for 12 months
6. The longest time one of the currently vacant consultant posts has been unfilled for is 1 year and 7 months (Old Age Psychiatry).
7. During 2019/20 5 posts were readvertised.

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](mailto: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 **441-20** 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.