

## Freedom of Information request 444-20

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### Request

Could you please provide the names of private firms with which the NHS board currently has contracts to provide care/appointments/diagnosis for patients (ie any front-line type services).

Could you say who the companies are, give details of the service they provide (eg hip replacements) and for approximately how many patients.

Could you please say how much the contract is worth over what time.

Lastly could you please say whether the contracts are connected with the current Covid-19 pandemic (for example providing extra capacity in order to catch up on missed appointments).

For clarity, I am not interested in contracts where patients are not directly involved (eg building contracts). I am interested in firms who deal with patients.

### Response

NHS Borders currently has no contracts to provide care/appointments/diagnosis for patients.

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 **444-20** 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.