

Freedom of Information request 479-20

Request

1. How many patients in your health board area are in receipt of “dosette boxes” for their medication?
2. How many patients in your health board are currently on a waiting list for receipt of a “dosette box”.
3. What is the average length of time a patient in your health board area has to wait before being approved for receipt of “dosette boxes”?
4. If you have the information, how much does your health board spend on “dosette boxes” each year, if possible broken down by the last three years.

Response

1. NHS Borders do not hold this data, this information would be held by community pharmacies who can provide medication within dosette boxes. Therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is not held.
2. NHS Borders do not hold this data, this information would be held by community pharmacies who may hold a waiting list for receipt of a dosette box. Therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is not held.
3. NHS Borders do not hold this data, therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is not held.
4. Please find below data held by NHS Borders in relation to the spend on dosette boxes in the last 3 years:

| Accounting Year | Total |
|--------------------|------------|
| 2017 Total | 36,207.84 |
| 2018 Total | 32,711.94 |
| 2019 Total | 25,456.80 |
| 2020 Total | 27,076.92 |
| Grand Total | 121,453.50 |

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 **479-20** 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.