

## Freedom of Information request 480-20

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### Request

For the individual financial years 2012/13 through to 2019/2020 inclusive, how much was spent by your NHS Trust on legal costs for coroner's inquests.

This includes representation, preparation and counsel for staff appearing at inquests, as well as the money paid to legal firms for their time on inquest cases.

Could you provide this in an spreadsheet with the following cells:

Year	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/20
Cost								

### Response

NHS Borders do not hold any data in relation to legal costs for coroner's inquests as these are not relevant in Scotland and we are not required to participate in these. Therefore no spend has been incurred by NHS Borders.

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 **480-20** 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.