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Freedom of Information request 495-20

Request

Under FOI legislation can I please request the following:

Any briefing or correspondence (including emails, letter and phone records) around the topic of ultra low fridges used to store COVID-19 vaccinations. Can the time frame be limited from September to present day?

Clarification Received:

Please note the applicant has narrowed the time period to 1 December to 11 December 2020

Response

Please find below documents/correspondence in relation to Ultra Low Fridges/Freezers used to store Covid-19 vaccines for the time period 1 to 11 December 2020 that can be provided within the cost limit set within the FOI(S)A 2002 regulations. We are withholding emails between NHS Borders and NHS National Services Scotland as this is classed as commercially sensitive data therefore is withheld under Section 33(1) and in this instance it is considered that withholding this information is necessary in the public interest to allow the processes of conducting the vaccination programmes to be carried out safely and effectively:



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 **495-20** 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, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.