

Freedom of Information request 8-21

Request

1. Please could you tell me how many staff from your health authority have worked from home at any time since the start of the Covid pandemic, from April 1, 2020?
2. Could you tell me how many of those have had a formal risk assessment of their workstation carried out by a qualified professional?

Response

1. There are 899 NHS Borders staff members who have worked from home since 1 April 2020.
2. No risk assessments have been carried out by qualified professionals. The process in place in NHS Borders allows staff to complete a self-assessment of their workstation following question sets developed by qualified professionals. These are then reviewed by the individual's line manager and actions are put in place to mitigate any risks identified. To date there have been 472 home workstation risk assessments carried out by individuals.

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 **8-21** 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.