

Freedom of Information request 68-21

Request

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please send me:

1. A list of the currently vacant GP posts at board managed GP practices in your health board area which have been advertised on more than one occasion (i.e. been re-advertised) and
 - a) The number of times each post been advertised, and
 - b) Each time it was advertised, the number of applications that were received.
2. The longest that any current vacant GP post at board managed GP practices in your health board area has been unfilled (please also state what this vacancy is).
3. The number of GP posts at board managed GP practices in your health board area that were re-advertised each of the last five financial years
 - a) 2020-2021,
 - b) 2019-2020,
 - c) 2018-2019,
 - d) 2017-2018, and
 - e) 2016-2017.

Please also provide a position statement for each GP practice in your health board area which is currently experiencing recruitment difficulties. For example, how many vacancies are there at each of these practices, how long has the recruitment process been underway, what impact has this had on the services available to patients?

Response

1. There are no 2C (Board Managed) GP Practices within NHS Borders area.
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GP practices are independent contractors and therefore able to set their own rate of GP levels/requirements. Information would need to be gained from the GP practices themselves. Therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere.

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 **68-21** 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.