

Environmental Information Regulations Request 74-21

Request

Freedom of Information request re disposal of "dangerous materials" – such as potentially hazardous, biological healthcare waste and asbestos and as defined by Health Facilities Scotland – within hospital sites.

Please provide annual figures since 1999 for:

1. The quantity of hazardous waste disposed of within hospital sites in your board area, type of waste, locations used, method of disposal and year of deposit? (Note details of incineration and/or off-site disposal of waste not required)
2. Provide any risk assessments carried out to ensure patient and public safety and/or avoid disturbance by contractors or utilities carrying out work on contaminated sites still in active use
3. Provide information on the cost of such on-site waste disposals.

Response

1. NHS Borders has always disposed of hazardous waste off-site; therefore as stated, this information is not required.
2. NHS Borders has not identified any contaminated sites; therefore no risk assessments have been required or carried out.
3. As NHS Borders disposes of all waste off-site, this is not applicable.

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 **74-21** 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.