

Freedom of Information request 76-21

Request

I am a member of New Horizons the local mental health charity based in Galashiels.

I understand that NHS Borders makes an annual grant to the org.

1. I would like to know how much NHS Borders contributes to the org. for every individual year going back as far as possible. 90.
2. And if already agreed how much NHS Borders is granting the org. in the next financial year.
3. I would also like to request if NHS Borders carries out due diligence before granting of the money to the org. and are checks made annually to see if the money is spent wisely

Response

1. NHS Borders historically paid an annual contribution of £9,840 to the New Horizons service. This arrangement was in place for many years alongside Scottish Borders Council (SBC) funding as a joint service. NHS Borders current finance system is only available from 2012. Therefore we can confirm that from financial years 2012/13 – 2019/20 an annual invoice for £9,840 has been paid to New Horizons by NHS Borders.
2. The funding contract with SBC and contribution from NHS Borders ended; therefore no funding has been agreed from 2020/21 onwards.
3. The General Manager for Mental Health and Learning Disability Services had overall responsibility for this grant and ensured that the contract was reviewed with the provider and that proper governance arrangements were in place.

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 **76-21** 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.