

## Freedom of Information request 86-21

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### Request

Question 1) How many private prescriptions have been paid for by the health board in a) 2017/18, b) 2018/19, c) 2019/20 and d) 2020 to date

Question 2) What was the total cost of private prescriptions in a) 2017/18, b) 2018/19, c) 2019/20 and d) 2020 to date

Question 3) What were the a) average, b) median and c) maximum costs of individual private prescriptions in a) 2017/18, b) 2018/19, c) 2019/20 and d) 2020 to date

Please note, by private prescription, I am referring to medicine that is either not approved for use in Scotland by the Scottish Medicines Consortium but can be sourced elsewhere, or medicine that is not regularly prescribed due to cost of the prescription.

### Response

1. NHS Borders does not pay for private prescriptions, therefore this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
2. This information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
3. This information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

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](mailto: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 **86-21** 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.