

Freedom of Information request 92-21

Request

I refer to the GEN1989_32.pdf (scot.nhs.uk) Acceptance of Financial Assistance, Gifts, Hospitality, and Declaration of Interest policy.

This states (paragraph 16) that NHS Boards

"The Department expects the Standing Financial Instructions of Health Boards to provide for the declaration of interests by members of staff, who must notify their employer if they have any financial interest in or relationship with a manufacturer, supplier or contractor with whom the Board is entering or is likely to enter into a contractual relationship, and of any financial or other interest which may affect the Board's planning or policy decisions. This includes individuals holding posts as consultants to firms. Any individual whose advice is specifically sought by a Health Board in relation to any commercial transaction where such an interest arises must declare that interest. Health Boards should establish and maintain registers both of the financial interests of any staff involved in purchasing/commercial policy and of any 'gifts or considerations' received by staff from any commercial sources."

I would be grateful if you could provide a copy of your last available register for the previous 2 years.

Response

Our register of gifts and hospitality and register of interests are available on our NHS Borders website under the corporate information section, therefore please note under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere.

For your information please find links to both the Board Member Register of Interests and Register of Gifts and Hospitality on the NHS Borders public website below:

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/corporate-information/about-the-board/board-member-register-of-interests/>

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/corporate-information/about-the-board/board-member-register-of-interests/nhs-borders-register-of-gifts-and-hospitality/>

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 **92-21** 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.