

Freedom of Information request 168-21

Request

I would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, details in respect to the following.

The details we require are:

- Does the Trust make use of outsourced tele-radiology reporting services for either overnight on-call (emergency) or routine radiology reporting (or both)?
- If you do make use of tele-radiology reporting, please provide the names of the providers of each service (on-call and elective separately please)?
- If you do make use of tele-radiology reporting services, please provide the annual volumes for both 2019 and for 2020 sent to each provider, broken into the following:
 - Overnight on-call
 - Elective Reporting (MRI, CT)
 - Plain Film Reporting
 - Split into each hospital within the Trust
 - Start date, duration and end date of any contracts with tele-radiology providers?
- Was the contract procured via a framework (direct award, which framework?), mini-tender, or ITT procurement process?
- Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract?

Response

1. NHS Borders uses outsourced tele-radiology reporting services for both overnight on-call (emergency) and routine radiology reporting.
2. NHS Borders uses TMC for both.

3. Please see table below:

	2019	2020
Overnight on-call	336	366
Elective reporting (MRI)	2906	1189
Elective reporting (CT)	2546	1211
Plain film reporting	0	0

NHS Borders has one hospital, which is Borders General Hospital.

The start date was September 2020 and the end date is September 2023.

4. This was procured via Framework which is run by National Services Scotland, therefore please note under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere. For your information you can access the National Services Scotland website at: <https://www.nss.nhs.scot/>
5. Lesley Wilson, Lead Radiographer.

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 **168-21** 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.