

Freedom of Information request 170-21

Request

In order to understand current practice and to ensure we are not missing information, I would be grateful for the following information:

Please can you inform me of any funding from drug or technology companies in the last 5 years which have been used to purchase or sponsor services (such as MCNs, managed clinical networks) or staff posts or events. If this is a register, can you please supply it and let us know if this is publicly available (without requiring FOI requests).

We are not interested in any charitable funding or patient donations etc. We are investigating systems only, i.e. not individual staff members.

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Response

NHS Borders has no record of using any funding from drug or technology companies in the last 5 years that has been used to purchase or sponsor services (such as MCNs, managed clinical networks) or staff posts or events.

Under Section 15 Duty to provide advice and assistance please note for your information that Section C of the Code of Corporate Governance, Sub section 10 sets out our requirements in regard to this.

The Code of Corporate Governance can be found on the NHS Borders website at

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/media/720151/Code-of-Corporate-Governance.pdf> and therefore under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere.

Our gifts and hospitality declarations cover the sponsorship of any events. The Gifts and Hospitality register is available on our NHS Borders website at <http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/corporate-information/about-the-board/board-member-register-of-interests/nhs-borders-register-of-gifts-and-hospitality/> therefore please note under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere.

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 **170-21** 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.