

Freedom of Information request 175-21

Request

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from Trust regarding;

1. Breakdown of shifts (Numbers only) filled by individual Nursing Agencies (by name of agency) in Trust operated theatre wards for 'Surgical First Assistants', Operating Department Practitioners' and 'SCRUB Nurses' for March 1st 2021- April 30th 2021
2. Individual Charge rates for Nursing agencies for theatre staff March 1st 2021 - April 30th 2021
3. Number of shifts filled by individual 'Off Framework Agencies' March 1st 2021 - April 30th 2021
4. Total Cost for each Nursing Agency used by theatre departments financial year April 2020 - April 2021

Response

1. There were 0 shifts filled by individual Nursing Agencies in Trust operated theatre wards for 'Surgical First Assistants', Operating Department Practitioners' or 'SCRUB Nurses' from 1 March 2021 to 30 April 2021
2. Not applicable.
3. There were 90 shifts filled by individual 'Off Framework Agencies' from 1 March 2021 to 30 April 2021.
4. The total cost for Nursing Agency use by Theatre Departments in the financial year 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 at NHS Borders was £688.50

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 **175-21** 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.