

Freedom of Information request 185-21

Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you confirm:

1. How do you obtain blood collection tubes for liquid biopsies on cancer patients?
2. From what suppliers do you obtain these products?
3. Were these products purchased through a tender or framework? If so, which one? Please provide details including the name, reference and where this was published.
4. Are you under contract with your current supplier(s) for the above? If so, what is the start and end date of the contract?
5. Can you provide the name and contact details for the person(s) responsible for procuring these products?
6. Can you provide contact details for the department responsible for managing this service?

Response

Biopsies taken from NHS Borders patients are sent straight to NHS Lothian who provide this service on our behalf, therefore 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 **185-21** 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.