

Freedom of Information request 196-21

Request

Please provide me with

'A list of all contracts awarded by Borders health board to any private provider including Aspen Healthcare by type of service/s, value of contract, contract length (start and end date)' and contract award date for the period January 01 2019 - May 25th 2021.

Response

Please see below the contracts awarded by NHS Borders to private providers from 1 January 2019 to 25 May 2021.

NHS Borders has engaged Synaptik Healthcare on both a contract and ad hoc basis during this period. A contract was awarded in January 2020 for £269,568. In total, expenditure with this provider totalled £383,989 between January 2019 and May 2021.

No other private provider has been engaged for the provision of Acute health care services during this period.

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 **196-21** 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.