

Freedom of Information request 218-21

Request

Under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, I would be obliged if you could supply the following information:

Details of all current expressions of interest for inclusion in the pharmaceutical list within your Health Board area including:

1. Date expression of interest received
2. Area / neighbourhood relating to the expression of interest
3. Name of the individual, partnership or body corporate who submitted the expression of interest
4. Details of any premises noted in expression of interest
5. Position in queue of expressions of interest in relation to:
 - A) The Health Board overall queue
 - B) The queue for that specific area / neighbourhood
6. Status of the expression of interest e.g. at Pre-Application Stage, Pre-Application process complete, At Joint Consultation stage, Joint Consultation complete or Application submitted.

Response

To date there have been 6 expressions of interest for a new Pharmacy in the Scottish Borders. Please see table below:

Date received	Area	Details of Applicant	Details of premises	Health Board Order	Area Order	Stage
04/09/2017	Tweedbank	Commercially sensitive	Tweedbank Drive	1	1	Pre-App completed
28/06/2018	Tweedbank	Commercially sensitive	Tweedbank Drive	2	2	Other applicant has priority in area
03/06/2020	Kelso	Commercially sensitive	Bowmont Street, Kelso	3	1	Pre-App to be arranged
03/06/2020	St Boswells	Commercially sensitive	Not specified	4	1	Pre-App to be arranged
09/06/2020	Not specified	Commercially sensitive	Not specified	5	1	Unable to process until further details received
24/08/2020	Tweedbank	Commercially sensitive	Not Specified	6	3	Other applicant has priority in area

NHS Borders is withholding this information as it is considered commercially sensitive. The requested information is being withheld under Section 33(b) Commercial interests and the economy, of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

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 **218-21** 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.