

Freedom of Information request 223-21

Request

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

1. From 1st April 2021 to 31st May 2021 how many shifts has your Trust used Thornbury Nursing Services for?
2. Within this timeframe please list the number of shifts by ward or department that Thornbury was utilised in.
3. Please name all other 'off contract agencies' for nursing that were utilised by the Trust within this time frame. (1/4/21-31/5/21) For the purpose of definition 'off contract suppliers' would be any non framework providers under Work Force Alliance or Health Trust Europe.
4. Within this same time frame please list all wards or departments that utilised these agencies and break the amount of shifts down per non framework supplier.
5. How many theatre shifts have been filled by all nursing agencies in the month of May 2021? Please break these down by agency (framework and non framework)

What percentage of operations have been completed this year 1st January 2021- 21st May 2021 compared to the same time frame last year.

Response

- 1-5. NHS Borders Nurse Bank was merged with NHS Lothian Nurse Bank in November 2020. This information will be available from NHS Lothian, therefore under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this information is otherwise accessible.
6. At NHS Borders, from 1 January 2020 to 31 May 2020 there were 1156 operations completed and from 1 January 2021 to 31 May 2021 there were 655 operations completed, therefore 56.66% of operations have been completed in 2021 compared to 2020.

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 **223-21** 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.