

## Freedom of Information request 15-22

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### Request

1. How old is the water treatment equipment used for the Sterile Services Department and Endoscope Reprocessor?
2. Are there any future plans to replace the water treatment plants for the Sterile Services Department or the Endoscope Reprocessor?
3. Who is the manufacturer of the current water treatment plant for the Sterile Services Department or the Endoscope Reprocessor?
4. Who currently maintains the water treatment plant for the Sterile Services Department or the Endoscope Reprocessor?

If you have more than one hospital site – could you kindly give me the above requested information for all hospitals within your group.

### Response

1. There are 3 pieces of equipment used for the Sterile Services Department and Endoscope Reprocessor, 2 were purchased in 2006 and are therefore 16 years old and 1 was purchased in 2010 and is therefore 12 years old.
2. Yes, these will go out to tender via NHS Scotland's procurement process.
3. The manufacturer is Veolia.
4. The water treatment plant for the Sterile Services Department or the Endoscope Reprocessor is maintained by both Veolia and NHS Borders in house engineers.

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](mailto: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 **15-22** 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.