

## Freedom of Information request 21-22

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### Request

A copy of all written and email correspondence sent in the past six months to GP surgeries in the health board advising them of hospital risk levels or to divert patients from A&E.

Please include copies of all email attachments.

### CLARIFICATION:

For the first point – I am looking for correspondence advising of risk escalation levels.

By “divert patients from A&E” I mean all correspondence advising GPs not to send patients to A&E unless completely necessary or to ask them to refer patients to different services, other than A&E.

### Response

There has been no written or email correspondence sent to GP Practices regarding hospital risk levels or the diverting of patients from A&E from NHS Borders in the last six months.

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 **21-22** 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.