

Freedom of Information request 38-22

Request

1. What budget has been committed to breast feeding support in your health board area in each of the last 5 years
2. How many FTE are employed in relation to breast feeding support in your health board area in each of the last 5 years excluding midwives.
3. how many register volunteers in relation to breast feeding support are in your health board area in each of the last 5 years
4. How many FTE midwives are employed in your health board area in each of the last 5 years
5. How many FTE health visitors were employed in your health board area in each of the last 5 years
6. How many vacancies for health visitor have you had in your health board area in each of the last 5 years
7. How many vacancies are there for midwives in your health board area in each of the last 5 years
8. How many post-natal mothers have been referred to mental health service in your health board area in each of the last 5 years.

Response

1. Please see the table below for the budget committed to breast feeding support in NHS Borders area in the past 5 years:

Year	Budget
2017/18	£13,248.21
2018/19	£32,791.82
2019/20	£34,282.11
2020/21	£70,364.51
2021/22	£56,180.93

2. Please see the table below for the number of whole time equivalent (WTE) staff members employed in relation to breast feeding support in NHS Borders in the past 5 years:

Year	WTE
2017/18	0.6
2018/19	0.6
2019/20	0.6
2020/21	1.1
2021/22	1.1

3. At present there are 22 volunteers on the register, of these there are 10 active volunteers, 9 on a discharge rota and plans for 1 to start on the ward at Borders General Hospital. The information for previous years is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

4. Please see the table below for the number of WTE midwives employed in NHS Borders in the past 5 years:

	Financial Year				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	to M09 2021
Midwives Direct Clinical Care	54.41	54.80	52.25	54.83	53.80
Midwives Indirect Clinical Care	3.76	3.19	3.33	1.62	1.00

5. Please see the table below for the number or WTE health visitors employed in NHS Borders in the past 5 years:

	Financial Year				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	to M09 2021
Health Visitors	36.74	37.76	38.98	39.17	40.95

6. The variance between our Established Whole Time Equivalent and Actual Staff In post is as follows:

	Financial Year				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	to M09 2021
Health Visitors	18.30	22.88	25.76	29.03	10.54

7. The variance between our Established Whole Time Equivalent and Actual Staff In post is as follows:

	Financial Year				
	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	to M09 2021
Midwives Direct Clinical Care	1.97	0.81	4.29	1.85	3.18
Midwives Indirect Clinical Care	-	-	-	0.38	0.46

8. Please see the table below for the number of post-natal mothers who have been referred to a mental health service in the past 5 years:

Year	Referrals
2018	8
2019	11
2020	24
2021	44
2022 (to date)	11

Please note these referrals are from our system, Badgernet. More referrals may be held in a patient's record, but to extract this data would require a manual trawl of all patient records and the cost of carrying out this work would exceed the limit set in the Fees Regulations of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and under Section 12 we are not required to provide

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.

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