

Freedom of Information request 44-22

Request

I would like to request the following information, please.

1. A breakdown for the past three years of how many radiological scans (X-Rays, CT, MRI, etc.) have been sub-contracted to imaging companies for analysis and review to assist with the diagnosis process.
2. A breakdown of which countries the companies receiving those scans are based in.
3. A breakdown of how much was spent on sub-contracting those scans in each year.

Response

1. Please see the table below for the number of radiological scans which have been sub-contracted to imaging companies for analysis and review to assist with the diagnosis process:

Year	MRI	CT
2019	2906	2546
2020	1189	1211
2021	2629	2664

2. NHS Borders use TMC who have offices in Australia and Barcelona.
3. Please see the table below for the spend per year:

Year	Spend
2019	£179,415
2020	£79,010
2021	£179,463

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 **44-22** 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.