

Freedom of Information request 75-22

Request

1. In each of the past three years, how much has the health board spent on locum GPs?
2. What was the (a) highest and (b) lowest daily rate paid to a locum GP in each of those years?
3. What was the single (a) largest and (b) smallest amount paid in total to a locum GP in each of those years?
4. How many times were locum GPs hired in total in each of those years?

Response

1. NHS Borders has spent the following amount of Agency Locum GP's in each of the last three years:

2019/20:	£96,413
2020/21:	£190,952
2021/22 to M10:	£169,163

2. NHS Borders does not hold this level of data in an accessible format, therefore this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
3. NHS Borders does not hold this level of data in an accessible format, therefore this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
4. Please see below for the number of times locum GP's were hired in each of the last three years:

2019/20:	68 occasions
2020/21:	129 occasions
2021/22:	183 occasions

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 **75-22** 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.