

Freedom of Information request 215-22

Request

1. A data survey was circulated to Stoma Nurses via the chair of the Scottish Stoma Nurse Group (SSNG) in circa 2018/19. Could you provide the response submitted by your board area.
2. Do the Stoma Nurses in your board area use or have access to industry sponsored databases regarding Stoma patients (or have done at any time since the 1st of January 2016). If they do could you provide the name of the company that sponsors the database used.
3. Do the Stoma Nurses in your board area receive reports regarding under/overuse of stoma products from DACs (Dispensing Appliance Contractors).
4. Since the 1st of January 2016 until the present day has Fittleworths (DAC) provided the Board (Board/stoma nurses/prescribing leads) with any product use reports regarding stoma products.
5. Since the 1st of January 2016 until the present day has SaltsMedilink (DAC) provided the Board (Board/stoma nurses/prescribing leads) with any product use reports regarding stoma products.
6. Since the 1st of January 2016 until the present day has Ainsworth Medical Supplies (DAC) provided the Board (Board/stoma nurses/prescribing leads) with any product use reports regarding stoma products.

Response

1. The Stoma post holder at that time has since retired and after an extensive search of files we cannot find the record of a submission, therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this information cannot be provided
2. NHS Borders Stoma Care Nurse Specialists (CNS) do not have access to industry sponsored databases regarding Stoma patients.
3. NHS Borders Stoma CNS do not receive reports from DAC companies but may receive contact by telephone to offer informal information about over/under use of products.
4. Fittleworths (DAC) have not provided the Board (Board/stoma nurses/prescribing leads) with any product use reports regarding stoma products.
5. SaltsMedilink (DAC) have not provided the Board (Board/stoma nurses/prescribing leads) with any product use reports regarding stoma product.
6. Ainsworth Medical Supplies (DAC) have not provided the Board (Board/stoma nurses/prescribing leads) with any product use reports regarding stoma products.

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 **215-22** 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.