

Freedom of Information request 222-22

Request

1. The number of GP surgeries/practices that have closed since 1st January 2020 to present, with a breakdown by year.
2. The number of GPs that have retired or ceased working since 1st January 2020 to present, with a breakdown by year and reason for stopping work.
3. The number of new permanent GPs that have started since 1st January 2020 to present, with a breakdown by year.
4. The number of locum GPs that have been used since 1st January 2020 to present, with a breakdown by year.

Response

1. Within NHS Borders no GP practices have closed since 1 January 2020. However one branch surgery closed in 2021.
2. Notifications received of GP retiring or resigning within NHS Borders are provided below. Please note we do not hold the reason for stopping work under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002.

	No. of GPs retired/ceased working	Reason for Leaving
2020	12	4 Retired 8 Ceased
2021	12	4 Retired 8 Ceased
2022	2	1 Retired 1 Ceased

3. Notifications received of GPs joining a Practice within NHS Borders are provided below. Please note that the Health Board is not informed of whether it is a fixed term or permanent basis.

	No. of GPs started
2020	10
2021	13
2022	0

4. This information is not held by NHS Borders, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

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 **222-22** 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.