

Freedom of Information request 228-22

Request

1. How many Epidurals have been administered in the last 5 years? (I would appreciate your reply in a table format sorted by calendar month from the last 5 years)
2. What procedures have Epidurals been administered for?
3. How much does the following medical devices currently cost the Health Board?
 - Standard Basic Universal Tray Set (Basic anesthetic procedure pack)
 - Nerve Block Needle
 - Spinal Tray
 - Mini Epidural Kit
 - Epidural Kit
4. Does the Health Board currently have a contact in place with companies to supply the medical devices listed in question 3? Please can you identify the name of the company?
5. When does this contracted come to an end or go back out to tender by procurement?

Response

1. Please find attached data recorded as per request:



FOI Epidurals
2018_2022.xlsx

2. Epidurals have been administered for labour analgesia and very small numbers of elective obstetric procedures in Theatre.
3. Please find below the spend on medical devices:
 - Epidural Mini Kits - £2,528.18 (Last 12 months spend)
 - Nerve Block Needles - £1,152 (Last 12 months spend)
 - Spinal Tray - £0
 - Epidural Kit - £0
4. NHS Borders does not have a local contract for medical devices they are managed by [National Procurement](#).
5. This information is not held by NHS Borders, all tenders and prices would be available from [National Procurement](#), therefore under Section 25 this data is accessible elsewhere.

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 **228-22** 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.