

Freedom of Information request 238-22

Request

1. Number of hospital social workers currently employed by your Trust (expressed as number of staff and as Full Time Equivalent, excluding vacancies)
2. Number of non-social work registered staff currently employed in hospital social work teams (care managers, assessment officers, assistant social workers etc)(expressed as number of staff and as Full Time Equivalent, excluding vacancies)
3. Number of vacancies for social workers and non-social work registered staff currently employed in hospital social work teams (expressed as number of posts and Full Time Equivalent)
4. Are these hospital social workers managed by a registered social worker?
5. Do these hospital social workers have an office base within an NHS hospital / other NHS premises?
6. If your Trust does not employ hospital social workers, please give the name of the body that does employ hospital social workers in your area.

'Hospital social workers' include employees registered with a social work regulator, who spend more than 50% of their working time facilitating hospital discharge or providing other social work services to inpatients of acute NHS services, excluding mental health. 'Non-social work registered staff' includes staff who provide a similar service to social workers, but who are not registered with a social work regulator. Please do not include any staff whose posts are funded by the NHS or other bodies, but whose contract of employment is with the local authority.

Response

NHS Borders does not employ hospital social workers, the body that does employ hospital social workers in the Scottish Borders area is [Scottish Borders Council](#). Therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 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 **238-22** 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.