

Freedom of Information request 266-22

Request

I would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, details in respect to any international nurse recruitment undertaken by the Trust. Specifically, can the Trust answer the following:

1. How many Nurses did the Trust recruit internationally in the period 2019-2021?
2. Please can the Trust detail the split of these Nurses by specialism / discipline / band?
3. Please provide the number of international Nurses provided by each supplier in this period?
4. For International Nurse recruitment can the Trust provide a complete breakdown of spend per supplier for 2019, 2020 and 2021?
5. Which framework(s) does the Trust use for international recruitment of Nurses?
6. Can the Trust confirm whether the contracts in place were tendered for via a framework mini competition (or direct call-off) or open procedure?
7. Per respective tender please confirm the suppliers who applied for inclusion and were / were not successful?
8. Could you please provide a copy of the tender specification given to all bidders for when this contract was last advertised?
9. Start date and duration (including extensions) of any live / active contracts in place for international recruitment services for Nurses?
10. Has a decision been made yet on whether the framework(s) / contract(s) are being either extended or renewed?
11. Who is the key procurement contact in procurement and senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for the contract(s)?

Response

1. NHS Borders did not recruit any international nurses during 2019-2021.
2. Not applicable.
3. Not applicable.
4. Not applicable.
5. NHS Borders use Crown Commercial Services (CCS) framework and Health Trust Europe
6. Not applicable.
7. Not applicable.
8. Not applicable.
9. This information is not held by NHS Borders, therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this cannot be provided.
10. Not applicable.
11. The key contacts would be:
Contact within Procurement - Shona Milne (Head of Procurement)
Senior Officer (outside Procurement) - Andrew Bone (Director of Finance) and/or Bob Salmond (Assoc Director of Workforce)

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 **266-22** 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.