

Freedom of Information request 312-22

Request

I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

1. In this health board, on how many night shifts was there no Emergency Medicine Consultant on duty during the 2021/22 financial year? Please also provide the data for 2022/23 so far, as well as 2020/21, 2019/20, 2018/19 and 2017/18.
2. Where there was no Emergency Medicine Consultant on overnight duty during the 2021/22 financial year, please outline the reason for this. Please also provide the data for 2022/23 so far, as well as 2020/21, 2019/20, 2018/19 and 2017/18.
3. Where there was no Emergency Medicine Consultant on overnight duty during the 2021/22 financial year, please outline what impact this had on patient safety. For example, was an ED Registrar unable to initiate a protocol due to there being no Emergency Medicine Consultants present?

Response

1. NHS Borders do not have Emergency Medicine Consultant cover for night duty. Therefore this data is not held.
2. Not applicable.
3. Not applicable.

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 **312-22** 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.