

Freedom of Information request 324-22

Request

- 1) What was the total number of hours purchased for staff not directly employed by NHS Borders in the 12 months to 31 March 2022 split into the categories, qualified nurses, direct care staff (exc. qualified nurses) and ancillary staff.
- 2) What was the total cost to NHS Borders of the above staff for the 12 months to 31 March 2022 split into the categories, Qualified nurses, direct care staff (exc. qualified nurses) and ancillary staff
- 3) What was the total number of hours, purchased from the Scottish Nursing Guild, for staff not directly employed by NHS Border in the 12 months to 31 March 2022 split into the categories, qualified nurses, direct care staff (exc. qualified nurses) and ancillary staff.
- 4) What was the total cost to NHS Borders of the above staff, purchased from the Scottish Nursing Guild, for the 12 months to 31 March 2022 split into the categories, Qualified nurses, direct care staff (exc. qualified nurses) and ancillary staff

Response

- 1) Total number of Agency hours purchased by NHS borders either directly or via the NHS Lothian regional bank for 12 months to 31st March 2022 were:
Registered nurses 33,566 hours
Unregistered nurses 311 hours
- 2) Total cost of agency hours purchased by NHS Borders either directly or via the NHS Lothian regional bank for 12 months to 31st March 2022 were:
Registered nurses £1,753,081
Unregistered nurses £11,264
- 3) Total number of hours purchased from Scottish Nursing Guild for 12 months to 31st March 2022 were:
Registered nurses 2451 hours directly purchased by NHS Borders
Registered nurses 2548 hours purchased via NHS Lothian regional bank for work carried out within NHS borders
Unregistered nurses 73 hours purchased via NHS Lothian regional bank for work carried out within NHS borders
- 4) Total cost of hours purchased from Scottish Nursing Guild for 12 months to 31st March 2022 were:
Registered nurses £190,664 directly purchased by NHS Borders
Registered nurses £190,396 purchased via NHS Lothian regional bank for work carried out within NHS borders
Unregistered nurses £4169 purchased via NHS Lothian regional bank for work carried out within NHS borders

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 **324-22** 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.