

Freedom of Information request 325-22

Request

Could NHS Borders confirm and provide supporting evidence that all consultations resulting in referral for circumcision in both adult and paediatric services are by practitioners trained in preputioplasty procedures and therefore competent in identifying suitable surgical candidates?

Response

NHS Borders do not perform paediatric preputioplasty procedures. NHS Borders has a paediatric surgeon who has sessions from our tertiary centre in NHS Lothian who will offer procedures appropriate to patient requirements.

NHS Borders consultants note that the most common indication in adults is for circumcision. If our consultants consider that an individual requires / wishes a different procedure a referral is made to our tertiary centre in NHS Lothian where it will be reviewed by an Andrologist. Therefore under Section 25 of the FOI(S)A 2002 the information requested on supporting evidence can be accessed from NHS Lothian.

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 **325-22** 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.