

## Freedom of Information request 373-22

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### Request

As part of FOI, please can you give me information with regard to Long Covid:

1. What money did NHS Borders receive from the Scottish Government
2. What was the plan that was submitted for the proposed LC service
3. What service has been implemented in the Borders for Long Covid sufferers and what is planned.

### Response

1. NHS Borders initially received circa £60K for the first year of funding, but there has been national agreement to top-slice this to allow for a national approach to digital aspects of the pathway.

2&3 It is anticipated that NHS Borders funding will be used to appoint a clinical co-ordinator at Band 7 level to develop robust patient pathways, develop links across clinical specialisms, and to act as a point of reference for the organisation and national link moving forward.

Funding would also be used to support the East Region approach to utilising 'Tailored Talks' as developed by NHS Lothian, linking to Chest, Heart and Stroke Service resources. This is a digital platform supporting self-management as developed by NHS Lothian.

Cossette funding is in place for 3 years to address the psychological needs of those hospitalised by Covid.

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](mailto: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 **373-22** 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.