

Freedom of Information request 380-22

Request

1. Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving agency usage for Sterile Services at NHS Borders?
2. Who is responsible for agency usage (on and off framework) in the Sterile Services/Decontamination department at all hospitals associated with the Trust?
3. Please can you provide the contact number and email address for the manager(s) in questions 1 and 2.
4. Have you used off-framework agency staff between March 2021 - March 2022 in Sterile Services?
5. How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for Sterile Services between August 2021 and August 2022?
6. Do you currently outsource your Sterile Services/Decontamination department, if yes, who do you outsource it to?

Response

1. – 3. The person within NHS Borders responsible for agency usage for Sterile Services / Decontamination is Diane Keddie. Her contact details are:

Email: diane.keddie@borders.scot.nhs.uk
Telephone: 01896 827020

4. NHS Borders have not used off-framework agency staff between March 2021 - March 2022 in Sterile Services.
5. There has been no off-framework agency spend by NHS Borders for Sterile Services between August 2021 and August 2022.

6. NHS Borders currently outsource the Sterile Services/Decontamination to Jedburgh Dental – a local dental practice. 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 **380-22** 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.