

Freedom of Information request 385-22

Request

1: Can you advise if the trust uses plain or printed cable ties for their waste?
If the answer is no, would the trust consider using them, if the price is right for the trust?

Also, we would like to let the trust know we currently supply around 65% of the NHS, and within the next 18 months the cable ties will be fully biodegradable from SPK promotions, but currently we only use and supply nylon PA66, would this be of interest?

2: Can you advise the size of cable tie, the colour, quantity per annum and print required?

3: Can you advise if you are currently under contract if so when is the end date?

4: Can you advise the person or departments contact details, who deals with these and orders them?

5: Can you advise the price per thousand of these which the trust would like to pay to keep their consumable prices down, not what they pay already?

6: Would the trust like to see samples from SPK promotions, free of charge? If yes, please advise a contact dept or person and a full postal address.

7: Can we advise the trust that we currently can provide as many prints as possible (maybe for wards and departments to have their own ties) instead of just 1 generic print (i.e. the trust name), and we have the facility and large storage to print ahead and store until delivery, so no lead times, is this of interest?

8: Can we advise the trust we can supply references if needed from the many trusts we already supply, is this of interest?

Response

1. NHS Borders currently uses printed plastic cable ties, however nylon PA66 would be acceptable as an alternative.
2. The black cable ties are 28cm and printed with the board name and telephone number. They also have a unique code. NHS Borders uses 300,000 cable ties per annum.
3. NHS Borders does not currently have a contract in place for the supply of cable ties.
4. Items are ordered by our Waste Management Officer. We do not support unsolicited sales enquiries direct to service management therefore we are unable to provide a contact name. Any communication should be directed to our Procurement Department via the NHS Borders general enquiries switchboard on 01896 826000.
5. This question is invalid. The Freedom of information (Scotland) Act 2002 provides a right of access to the information we hold. It does not require the public authority to express opinions, make suppositions or draw conclusions.
6. Please provide free of charge cable tie samples to: Waste Management Office, Borders General Hospital, Chiefswood Road, Melrose, Roxburghshire, Scotland, TD6 9BS.
7. This information is of interest to NHS Borders.

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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 **385-22** 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.