

## Freedom of Information request 405-22

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### Request

On June 2nd 2022 the Health Secretary Humza Yousaf announced that £50 million was being invested to help ease pressures on A&E services.

When asked in a recent FOI request if decisions about distribution of funds had been made, the Scottish Government replied:

"The Scottish Government is working with Health Boards to develop and implement improvement plans in line with the Urgent and Unscheduled Care Collaborative. Decisions around funding are pending until this exercise is complete"

Please provide the following information about the matter above:

1. How many meetings there has been between the Scottish Government and the health board regarding plans and funding since the announcement on June 2nd
2. When the health board expects to find out how much money it will receive of the £50 million.
3. If a decision about the amount of money the health board will receive has been made, please reveal the figure and any possible breakdown of the health board's plans to spend it.

### Response

1. There have been numerous meetings between NHS Borders staff and the Scottish Government since 2 June 2022 in which improvement plans in line with the Urgent and Unscheduled Care Collaborative or associated funding will have been discussed. NHS Borders works closely with Scottish Government colleagues, across numerous roles and grades, with the joint aim of improving Urgent and Unscheduled Care. There is no single record of these meetings.
2. A letter detailing the Urgent and Unscheduled Care Collaborative allocation was sent out by Scottish Government on 11 August 2022.
3. NHS Borders will receive £760,000 in relation to the Urgent and Unscheduled Care Collaborative. The Board is currently considering how to fully use this allocation to best effect. Funding will be prioritised against areas that align to the national Urgent and Unscheduled Care Collaborative objectives. This information is currently not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

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 **405-22** 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.