

Freedom of Information request 428-22

Request

I am writing to obtain information, under the Freedom of Information Act, about your Trust's funding of Complementary and Alternative Medicine (CAM) services they provided.

To outline my query as clearly as possible, I am requesting:

- How much the Trust has spent on CAM services for the following financial years: 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22. This includes salaries for those employed to carry out these services, costs of medicine, equipment and any additional costs involved.
- A list of all services provided under CAM.

Response

The total spend on CAM services relates to supplies spend for acupuncture needles and TENS equipment.

- 2019-20 £222
- 2020-21 £1084
- 2021/22 £1142

We are unable to specifically extract costs for staffing to carry out these services as it would be carried out as part of their core role. Therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is not held.

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 **428-22** 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.