

Freedom of Information request 439-22

Request

Presently, what type of education and training does NHS Borders offer in the following areas:

Gender based violence
Domestic abuse
Sexual assault
Intimate partner violence

Please specify each individual courses:

1. Learning outcomes,
2. The type of delivery (e-learning, face to face etc),
3. Duration of courses,
4. If there is mandatory requirements for certain staff groups to complete and specific what staff groups
5. How often it is advised for refresher education/training in these topic areas,
6. Does any of the education provision for the above areas include same sex relationship content.

I would also be grateful if you could advise the current % of register healthcare professional that have previously completed the courses provided:

Gender based violence
Domestic abuse
Sexual assault
Intimate partner violence

Please can you specific the completion % of each course for specific staff groups as follows:

Registered nurses and midwives
Registered allied health professionals
Doctors

Within these staff groups advise the % what areas of services they work:

Primary and community care
Mental health and substance use services
Acute medical services
Sexual health services

Or in whatever serif break down this is recorded and provided for the board.

Response

NHS Borders offers training in Public Protection which includes a section on Domestic Abuse, further details provided below:

Public Protection training

NHS Borders Public Protection e-learning module- mandatory for all NHSB staff to complete (Aug 2022 74% compliance). Includes section on Domestic Abuse. Completed 2 yearly basis

Introduction to Public Protection (teams) – General workforce

Includes section on domestic abuse. Complete every 3 years

Learning outcomes

- Understand what is meant by harm, abuse and neglect
- Understand your responsibility to Recognise, Respond, Record and Report concerns about children and adults.

Thinking about risk (teams)- Specific workforce

Includes section on Domestic Abuse. Complete every 3 years

Learning Outcomes

- Understand some of the factors influencing our perception of risk
- Understand some of the factors that may contribute to increased risk of harm
- Have a working knowledge of the 3 stage model of working with risk: Assess, Analyse, Manage

NHS Borders also access external training on domestic and childhood sexual abuse through Scottish Borders Violence against Women (VAWG) but this has not taken place for a number of years.

Please note no further information is recorded, 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 **439-22** 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.