

## Freedom of Information request 502-22

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### Request

1. The number of dental staff that currently provide Childsmile services.  
Please provide a breakdown by role (nurse, dentist, hygienist), their status as self-employed contractor or NHS staff as well as how many hours a year they work providing Childsmile services.
  2. The same information and breakdown about Childsmile dental staff but for the previous 5 financial years.
- Clarification: Yes, academic year is acceptable if that's the way it's recorded.

### Response

1. NHS Borders have the following dental staff that currently provide Childsmile services:

Oral Health Improvement Manager: 1.0 WTE

Childsmile Coordinator: 0.8 WTE

Extended Duties Dental Nurse: 1.0 WTE

Oral Health Support Workers: 2.6 WTE

NHS Borders does not commission anyone to provide Childsmile.

2. These staffing levels have remained unchanged throughout the last 5 years.

Please note, as all Dental Practices in the Scottish Borders are independent contractors and not managed by NHS Borders, we do not have access to their data. The information above relates only to NHS Borders staff and not Dental Practice staff involved in the Childsmile services offered in the Scottish Borders. This information can be accessed by contacting the Dental Practices directly, therefore please note under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere.

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 **502-22** 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.