

Freedom of Information request 540-22

Request

We wish to submit a Freedom of Information Request to you in respect of the policies your Health Board had in place around January 2004 regarding assessment of new-born babies' hips, both where concerns about hip dysplasia are noted and otherwise.

We would be greatly obliged if copies of the policies could be made available within 21 days.

Response

NHS Borders do not have any policies from around January 2004 regarding assessment of new-born babies' hips, therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. However, we were compliant with the National Guidance of the time – please find attached a document which provides the evidence on which the UK National Screening Committee (NSC) recommendation was based.



Evidence Summary -
Dysplasia of the hip 21

This was a supporting document for the July 2006 UK NSC review which recommended the following:

- Screening for congenital dislocated hip (CDH) and developmental dysplasia of the hip (DDH) is part of the physical examination of newborn and 6-8 week old babies.
- Ultrasound screening should not be offered to all babies, unless part of an ethically approved and externally funded research project.
- The UK NSC recommends screening for this condition, however this may vary slightly depending on where you are in the UK.

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 **540-22** 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.

