

Freedom of Information request 545-22

Request

1. Please confirm within which areas of NHS Borders do patients have access to a primary care occupational therapist.
2. If there is access to a primary care occupational therapist within the health board, how is that funded?
3. If there is access to a primary care occupational therapist within the health board, how long is funding in place for the provision of the occupational therapist?
4. At the end of the funding period, is it necessary to re-apply for funding?
5. What are the criteria for funding to be granted?
6. In the event that funding is not granted after re-application, what happens to the patients using the services of the occupational therapist?
7. What assessments have been carried out regarding the merits of more long-term funding, such as annual funding provision?

Response

1. There are currently no Primary Care Occupational Therapists working within NHS Borders.
2. There is no current funding within NHS Borders specifically for a Primary Care Occupational Therapy service.
3. N/A
4. N/A
5. N/A
6. N/A
7. NHS Borders have not carried out assessments regarding the merits of long-term funding.

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 **545-22** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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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.