

Freedom of Information request 555-22

Request

1. Please provide information as to how many Advanced Practitioner Nurses (APNs) are currently employed by the Health Board and where they are based.
2. Please provide information as to how many APNs have been employed by the Health Board over the last 5 years and where they were based.
3. How many APNs are in training in the Health Board? How many have been trained in the Health Board over the last 5 years?
4. How many APNs does the Health Board expect to train in the next 3 years? What budget has been allocated for this purpose?

Response

1. NHS Borders currently employs 39 APN's across the following service areas:

Acute & General Medicine
Child Health Community & Acute
Cardiology
Urology
Learning Disabilities Community &
Liaison
Community Mental Health
Child & Adolescent Team
Crisis & Liaison Team
Addictions Service
Special Care Baby Unit
Critical Care Outreach
Primary Care
Primary Care Urgent Care
Gynaecology
Cancer Services
Mental Health Liaison Service
Clinical & Professional Development

2. Including the APN's currently employed by NHS Borders (see Q1), a total of 52 APN's have been employed by NHS Borders over the last 5 years. The service areas additional to those in Q1 are:

Community Hospitals

Respiratory

Gastroenterology

3. NHS Borders currently have 13 APN's in training. A further 27 have been trained over the last 5 years.
4. NHS Borders has not yet determined the number of APN's to be trained over the next three years nor has a budget been allocated for this purpose, therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

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 **555-22** 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.