

## Freedom of Information request 579-22

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### Request

I am looking for information regarding the use of PR and comms firms. As such, can I request the following:

In excel spreadsheet form, please list any public relations, communications, media consultancy or lobbying firms hired by your organisation during the financial years 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 (most recent):

Please provide:

- The name of the firm (or individual/freelancer)
- The contract number
- The start and end date of each contract
- The amount of money paid to each firm (including VAT)
- The remit/purpose of the hire, and detail of what activities they undertook for your organisation

### Response

Please find attached the information requested from NHS Borders. Please note that contract numbers and start/end dates are not issued for this type of work.



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Data.xlsx

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 **579-22** 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.