

Freedom of Information request 604-22

Request

1. How many GP practices are in your board?
2. What proportion of GP practice patients are currently being seen by
 - a) GPs
 - b) Advanced Nurse Practitioners
 - c) Physiotherapists
 - d) Pharmacists
 - e) Occupational Therapists
 - f) Link Workers
 - g) Mental Health Nurses
 - h) Phlebotomists
3. How many GP practices do not have access to
 - a) Link Worker
 - b) Mental Health Nurse
4. How many GP practices do not have access to
 - a) Advanced Nurse Practitioner
 - b) Physiotherapist
 - c) Pharmacist
 - d) Occupational Therapist
 - e) Phlebotomist

Response

1. There are 23 GP practices within the NHS Borders area.
2. The Health Board does not hold this specific data, however all patients have equitable access to these services as and when required. Therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is not held.
3. All GP practices within NHS Borders have access to a Link Worker and/or Mental Health Nurse.
4. Please note that we can only confirm data on NHS Borders managed services. GPs, as independent contractors may have access to their own resources.
 - a) ANPs: 12/23
 - b) Physiotherapist: 0/23
 - c) Pharmacist: 0/23
 - d) Occupational Therapist: 0/23
 - e) Phlebotomist: 1/23

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 **604-22** 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.