

Freedom of Information request 654-22

Request

1.How much has been spent on outsourcing services to private providers in this health board? Please break this down by services and procedures. E.g radiology, Oncology, cleaning etc and also by each year since 2017.

2.How many patients have been sent for treatment in private hospitals in this health board. For clarity, this would involve situations where a patient may be sent by the health board to a private hospital, but the NHS pays for the procedure. Please break this down by services and procedures. E.g radiology, Oncology, cleaning etc and also by each year since 2017.

3.What are the costs associated with question 2? Please break this down by services and procedures. E.g radiology, Oncology, cleaning etc and also by each year since 2017.

Response

Please find data provided in attached spreadsheet which shows all outsourcing services used by NHS Borders since 2017, number of patients and associated costs:



Data for Qs 1 - 3.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.

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 **654-22** 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.