

Freedom of Information request 668-22

Request

1. What percentage of accommodation for nursing staff in this health board is currently vacant? Please provide this data as a 'snapshot' for every year since 2018. E.g 1 December 2018, 1 December 2019 etc.
2. What is the total number of beds in accommodation for nursing staff across this health board? Please provide this for each calendar year, including the current calendar year to date.

Response

1. NHS Borders does not have accommodation which is specifically for nursing staff and does not hold data on the percentage of accommodation for nursing staff currently vacant, therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
2. NHS Borders does not have beds which are specifically for nursing staff, therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Under Section 15 Duty to Provide Advice and Assistance, we can however advise that we have 71 beds available in each of the years from 2018 to 2022. These beds are for all cohorts and not specific to nursing staff. Also, 33 of these 71 beds are protected throughout each year due to pre-bookings.

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 **668-22** 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.