

Freedom of Information request 34-23

Request

For each year between 1997/1998 and 2022/2023, can you tell me how many of the following Borders NHS Health Board had:

1. Number of Front-Line Nurses
2. Number of Consultants
3. Number of non-medical, administrative, staff. IE Managers, Directors etc
4. Number of External/contractual staff (Business Consultants, Bank Nurses etc
5. Number of A&E Beds
6. Number of Ward Beds

Response

Questions 1 – 4

NHS Scotland Workforce Statistics from 2002 are available from Public Health Scotland website, therefore, please note under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere. For your information, please a find link to these statistics [Workforce | Publications | Data Tables | Health Topics | ISD Scotland](#)

The official NHS Scotland Workforce Statistics from 2012 are available from the Turas Data Intelligence website, therefore, please note under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere. For your information, please a find link to these statistics [NHSScotland workforce | Turas Data Intelligence](#)

5. NHS Borders do not have and have never had A&E beds – only trolleys are used in A&E at Borders General Hospital.
6. The number of ward beds within NHS Borders is:

Year	Ward Beds
1997/8	363
1998/9	342
1999/2000	336
2000/01	327
2001/02	331
2002/03	327
2003/04	327
2004/05	311
2005/06	329
2006/07	334
2007/08	323
2008/09	316
2009/10	298
2010/11	289
2011/12	279

2012/13	273
2013/14	274
2014/15	288
2015/16	273
2016/17	274
2017/18	274
2018/19	276
2019/20	208
2020/21	241
2021/22	264
2022/23	263

Please Note: bed complement taken as at the end of each financial year

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 **34-23** 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.