

## Freedom of Information request 49-23

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### Request

1. Please can you provide the training information provided to staff for dealing with cases of suspected spiking.
2. Please can you provide any information on steps you are taking to improve this training.

### Clarification:

Definition of “spiking” – Please can you provide a definition of “Spiking”? For instance, people being injected with drugs without consent or people having drugs etc put into their drink/food without consent, or some other definition.

By spiking I mean people having drugs etc put into their drink/food without consent.

### Response

1. NHS Borders has no specific training for dealing with cases of suspected spiking. If an individual attends following a suspected spiking event, the information on ‘Toxbase’ is used to manage the situation. Any Public Health alerts regarding alcohol and drug spiking are shared with various areas including Emergency Department, Sexual Health Staff and Drug & Alcohol Services. Training in Emerging Drug Trends is available in the Borders for multi-agency staff. This training is delivered by Crew and includes a range of drugs and their effects (some of which are used in cases of suspected spiking).
2. Not Applicable.

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 **49-23** 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.

