

## Freedom of Information request 79-23

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### Request

1. As of 26 January 2023, how many Personal Computers and Laptops does this health board operate?
2. What operating system do these computers use? Please provide a full breakdown.
3. How many cyber-attacks has this health board recorded in each year since 2018. Please also provide this for 2023 so far.
4. How many patient records did these cyber-attacks affect? Please provide this for each calendar year including 2023 so far.
5. In relation to question 3, was there a cost associated with these attacks? Please provide this for each calendar year including 2023 so far.

### Response

1. As of 26 January 2023, NHS Borders operates 4852 personal computers and laptops.
2. These computers use Microsoft Windows. To provide a more detailed breakdown would not be in the interest of NHS Borders' security, therefore, we are withholding this information under Section 24 (1) (National Security) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
3. Between 2018 and 2023, NHS Borders have had no localised cyber-attacks that have impacted the organisation.
4. N/A
5. N/A

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 **79-23** 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.