

Freedom of Information request 119-23

Request

I am requesting the following information regarding staff shortages and their potential impact on patients.

Please provide answers to the following questions regarding the last 3 months 8th November 2022 – 8th February 2023. Please provide a breakdown per day if possible, drawing data from your Datix records or any other form of recording data used in your health board.

1. The number of instances of incidents recorded by medical staff numbers below the recommended number of staff. If applicable, please also provide the number of instances that these incidents have resulted in a near miss or injury and/or staff missing their allocated break times.
2. The number of instances of incidents recorded by nursing staff numbers below the recommended number of staff. If applicable, please also the number of instances that these incidents have resulted in a near miss or injury and/or staff missing their allocated break times.
3. The number of instances of incidents recorded by any other staff numbers below the recommended number of staff. If applicable, the number of instances that these incidents have resulted in a near miss or injury and/or staff missing their allocated break times.

Response

Please find below a table including the number of instances of incidents recorded by medical staff, nursing staff and other staff members. Also captured in the table is the number of near misses (NM). There were no injuries associated with these adverse events.

Please note, the NHS Borders system does not record if these incidents result in staff missing their allocated break times, therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

Date	Day	Medical	Nursing	Other	Total
8th November	Tuesday			1	1
9th November	Wednesday				0
10th November	Thursday		1		1
11th November	Friday		1		1
12th November	Saturday		1		1
13th November	Sunday		2		2
14th November	Monday				0
15th November	Tuesday				0
16th November	Wednesday				0
17th November	Thursday				0
18th November	Friday		1		1
19th November	Saturday				0
20th November	Sunday				0
21st November	Monday				0

22nd November	Tuesday				0
23rd November	Wednesday		2 + 1 NM		3
24th November	Thursday		1 NM		1
25th November	Friday				0
26th November	Saturday				0
27th November	Sunday				0
28th November	Monday				0
29th November	Tuesday				0
30th November	Wednesday		1		1
1st December	Thursday		1		1
2nd December	Friday		1		1
3rd December	Saturday		1		1
4th December	Sunday		1		1
5th December	Monday		1		1
6th December	Tuesday		1		1
7th December	Wednesday		2		2
8th December	Thursday				0
9th December	Friday		2		2
10th December	Saturday		2		2
11th December	Sunday		4		4
12th December	Monday		1		1
13th December	Tuesday				0
14th December	Wednesday		1 + 1 NM		2
15th December	Thursday			1	1
16th December	Friday		1		1
17th December	Saturday		5		5
18th December	Sunday		3		3
19th December	Monday		2		2
20th December	Tuesday				0
21st December	Wednesday		2		2
22nd December	Thursday		1		1
23rd December	Friday				0
24th December	Saturday				0
25th December	Sunday				0
26th December	Monday	1	4 + 1 NM		6
27th December	Tuesday		2		2
28th December	Wednesday		1		1
29th December	Thursday		2		2
30th December	Friday		2	1 NM	3
31st December	Saturday				0
1st January	Sunday				0
2nd January	Monday				0
3rd January	Tuesday		1		1
4th January	Wednesday				0
5th January	Thursday			1	1
6th January	Friday		1		1
7th January	Saturday				0
8th January	Sunday				0
9th January	Monday		1		1
10th January	Tuesday		1		1
11th January	Wednesday		2		2
12th January	Thursday				0
13th January	Friday				0
14th January	Saturday				0

15th January	Sunday				0
16th January	Monday				0
17th January	Tuesday				0
18th January	Wednesday		1		1
19th January	Thursday				0
20th January	Friday				0
21st January	Saturday				0
22nd January	Sunday				0
23rd January	Monday				0
24th January	Tuesday				0
25th January	Wednesday				0
26th January	Thursday				0
27th January	Friday		1		1
28th January	Saturday		3		3
29th January	Sunday				0
30th January	Monday				0
31st January	Tuesday		1		1
1st February	Wednesday		1		1
2nd February	Thursday				0
3rd February	Friday				0
4th February	Saturday				0
5th February	Sunday		1		1
6th February	Monday				0
7th February	Tuesday				0
8th February	Wednesday		1		1
		1	71	4	76

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 **119-23** 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.