

Freedom of Information request 203-23

Request

1. From 1st January 2023 to 28th February 2023 how many shifts has your Trust/Health Board used Scottish Nursing Guild (SNG) for?
2. Within this timeframe please list the number of shifts by ward or department that SNG was utilised in.
3. From 1st January 2023 to 28th February 2023 how many shifts has your Health Board/Trust utilised Icare 24 in?
4. Within this same time frame please list all wards or departments that utilised this agency
5. Please list any suppliers with a general Band 5 day charge rate of over £55 per hour that have been booked for the Trust in this time period (01/01/2023-28/02/2023)
6. Please list any suppliers with a general Band 5 night charge above £65 per hour that have been booked for the Trust in this time period (01/01/2023-28/02/2023)
7. Please list any suppliers with a critical day rate charge (Band 5 or 6) ITU/A&E above the rate of £80 per hour.

Response

1. From 1 January 2023 to 28 February 2023 there were 167 NHS Borders shifts filled by the Scottish Nursing Guild (SNG).
2. The number of shifts by ward / department were:

Ward / Department	Number of Shifts
Emergency Department	22
Intensive Therapy Unit	6
Margaret Kerr Unit	1
Medical Assessment Unit	31
Ward 4 – Medical	44
Special Care Baby Unit	4
Ward 7 - Surgical	5
Ward 12 – Medicine for the Elderly	6
Ward 14 – Medicine for the Elderly	7
Ward 15 – Childrens Ward	9
Ward 5 - Medical	22
Ward 9 - Surgical	5
Allocate on Arrival	5

3. From 1 January 2023 to 28 February 2023 there were 15 NHS Borders shifts filled by iCare.
4. All of the 15 shifts filled by iCare were to cover Ward 4 – Medical.
5. The only supplier with a general Band 5 day charge rate of over £55 per hour that have been booked for NHS Borders between 1 January 2023 and 28 February 2023 was Robinson Medical Recruitment.
6. The only supplier with a general Band 5 night charge rate of over £65 per hour that have been booked for NHS Borders between 1 January 2023 and 28 February 2023 was Robinson Medical Recruitment.
7. There are no suppliers with a critical day rate charge (Band 5 or 6) ITU/A&E above the rate of £80 per hour.

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 **203-23** 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.