

Freedom of Information request 251-23

Request

1. Who is the head of procurement responsible for approving agency usage for the Sonography/Ultrasound department at your trust?
2. Who is responsible for agency usage (on and off framework) in the Sonography/Ultrasound department at all hospitals associated with the Trust?
3. Please can you provide the contact number and email address for the manager(s) in question 1 and 2.
4. Have you used off-framework agency staff between March 2022 - March 2023 in Sonography/Ultrasound?
5. How much was your Off-Framework agency spend for Sonography/Ultrasound from March 2022 - March 2023?

Response

1. Within Obstetrics, the Associate Director of Nursing (Acute) and the Associate Director of Midwifery are responsible for approving unfilled shifts to go agency if they are not filled by bank staff via the Lothian Regional Nurse Bank. Within Radiography, the Head of Procurement is responsible.
2. Within Obstetrics, the Associate Director of Nursing (Acute) and the Associate Director of Midwifery are responsible for approving unfilled shifts to go agency if they are not filled by bank staff via the Lothian Regional Nurse Bank. Within Radiography, Lesley Wilson, Lead Radiographer, is responsible.
3. Obstetrics Elaine Dickson, Associate Director of Nursing (Acute) elaine.dickson2@borders.scot.nhs.uk
Kirsteen Guthrie is the Associate Director of Midwifery kirsteen.guthrie@borders.scot.nhs.uk

Radiography Lesley Wilson, Lead Radiographer lesley.wilson2@borders.scot.nhs.uk
Shona Milne, Head of Procurement shona.milne@borders.scot.nhs.uk
4. The NHS Borders Sonography / Ultrasound department have not used off-framework agency staff between March 2022 and March 2023.
5. There has been no spend for off-framework agency staff between March 2022 and March 2023.

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 **251-23** 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.