

## Freedom of Information request 275-23

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### Request

Please can you inform me of the following information:

1. Does your Health Board have a designated Paediatric Asthma Nurse
2. If so what is their banding and what is the total WTE of designated asthma nurses? E.g. 1.6 WTE
3. What is their current caseload of patients (aged 15 years and below)
4. What year did your Health board introduce the role of the Asthma nurse.
5. Please can you share a copy of the job description for the paediatric asthma nurse
6. How many paediatric patients (15 years and below) have been admitted as inpatients with exacerbation of Asthma in 2018, 2019 and 2022.
7. How many paediatric deaths (15 years and below) have been caused by exacerbation of asthma over the past 10 years.

### Response

1. NHS Borders has a Community Nurse who has an additional 3.5 hours per month allocated to provide a Paediatric Asthma service.
2. This Nurse is a Band 5 and the WTE is approximately 0.02.
3. NHS Borders has a monthly clinic with approximately 10 patients per month and ad hoc support is provided to Community Nurses and families.
4. The Paediatric Asthma service started in 1998, when 2 members of staff did the Paediatric Respiratory Course for Hospital Nurses in Warwick and started to participate in clinics afterwards.
5. NHS Borders is not aware of a formal job / role description, therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
6. The number of paediatric patients who have been admitted as inpatients with exacerbation of Asthma is:

2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
18	23	13	16	13

7. There have been no paediatric deaths caused by exacerbation of asthma over the past 10 years.

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 **275-23** 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.