

Freedom of Information request 319-23

Request

1. In relation to Borders General hospital, what is your current establishment for:
 - Consultant physicians
 - Consultant surgeons
 - Consultant anaesthetists
2. For each of the above job categories, how many posts are currently filled on:
 - a) a permanent basis
 - b) by a locum
 - c) not filled
3. In relation to c) posts not currently filled, how long have each of these been vacant?
4. Finally, also in relation to Borders General hospital, what was the total spend on locums for the 2022/23 financial year?

Response

1. The current staffing establishment for NHS Borders is available in the public domain on the official NHS Scotland workforce statistics website. Therefore, please note, under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 this data is accessible elsewhere. For your information, please find a link to NHS Scotland [NHS Scotland workforce | Turas Data Intelligence](#) .
2. The posts that are currently filled within NHS Borders are:
 - Consultant Physicians
 - a) a permanent basis 16 headcount (14:70 WTE)
 - b) by a locum 3 headcount (2:70 WTE)
 - c) not filled 2 headcount (2 WTE)
 - Consultant (General) Surgeons
 - a) a permanent basis 6 headcount (6 WTE)
 - b) by a locum 1 headcount (1 WTE)
 - c) not filled 0 headcount
 - Consultant Anaesthetists
 - a) a permanent basis 16 headcount (14:70 WTE)
 - b) by a locum 1 headcount (1 WTE)
 - c) not filled 0 headcount

3. Both Consultant Physician posts currently not filled have been vacant for more than 6 months.
4. The total spend in 2022/23 for NHS Borders (Borders General Hospital) on medical locums employed by the board was £2,534,709.

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 **319-23** 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.