

Freedom of Information request 322-23

Request

1. The total spend on private ambulance firms for the financial year 2022/23.
2. Whether or not these companies are providing patient transport or emergency ambulance response and if so, how many journeys were carried out across 2022/23.
3. What tasks these firms have carried out for the health board across 2022/23.
4. The value and duration of each contract placed in the above timeframe and if possible, a copy of the contract award document.

Response

1. The total spend on private ambulance firms by NHS Borders in 2022/23 was £936.
2. The spend was to provide patient transport for 1 journey.
3. NHS Borders do not record the tasks carried out by the firm providing the patient transport, therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
4. NHS Borders does not have a contract with any private ambulance services.

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 **322-23** 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.