

## Freedom of Information request 373-23

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### Request

1. The current Health Board Policy for Functional Electrical Stimulation (FES) for adults and children for drop foot of central neurological origin and upper limb dysfunction for Health Board area NHS Borders.
2. When is the current FES Clinical Commissioning policy due for review?
3. Please confirm the name of the Clinical Commissioner with responsibility for this area.

### Response

1. NHS Borders does not have a local policy specifically about FES, for paediatrics or adults. Any developments in clinical practice and/ or any prescribing of FES or other devices is predominantly governed by clinical guidelines and local sustainability forums.
2. NHS Borders does not have a formal commissioning process around FES / FES Devices.
3. NHS Scotland do not have Clinical Commissioners; this is something that is specific to England.

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 **373-23** 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.