

Freedom of Information request 431-23

Request

I would be grateful if you could give me information regarding your health board's Long Covid spending for the financial year 2023/24.

1. Please confirm if you requested funding to help treat Long Covid patients for your health board from the Scottish Government's Long Covid Support Fund
2. If the answer to 2 is yes, please provide a copy of any application form you submitted to the Strategic Network Service, or whoever you had to submit an application to.
3. Please confirm how much funding you received from the Scottish Government's Long Covid Support Fund
4. Please provide a copy of any internal correspondence around the application form to the Long Covid Support Fund and the outcome of the application.

Response

1. Yes, NHS Borders requested funding from the Scottish Government's Long Covid Support Fund to help treat Long Covid patients.
2. Please find attached a copy of the NHS Borders Long Covid Resource Application:



Long Covid Resource
Application.pdf

3. The NHS Borders 2023/24 allocation from Scottish Government is £54,741.
4. NHS Borders does not have any internal correspondence around the application to the Strategic Network for funding of long covid initiatives as the conversations were not minuted. Therefore, this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

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 **431-23** 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.