

## Freedom of Information request 446-23

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### Request

1. In 2023/24, how many 2C GP practices are there in this health board?
2. In relation to question 1: How many GP vacancies are there currently in these practices?
3. In relation to question 1: How many other vacancies are there in these practices? Please break this down by job type e.g practice nurse, dietician, receptionist etc
4. In relation to question 1: How many of these practices are currently not accepting new patients?

### Response

1. NHS Borders has two 2C practices, Duns Medical Group and Leaderfoot. Please note that Leaderfoot is for challenging behaviour patients only.
2. Duns Medical Group currently has two GP vacancies. Leaderfoot has no GP vacancies.
3. Duns Medical Group currently has one Advanced Nurse Practitioner vacancy and one Receptionist/Medical Secretary vacancy. Leaderfoot has no vacancies.
4. Both practices are currently accepting new patients. However, NHS Borders does have a temporary restriction in place in relation to GP Practices lists which is as follows:
  - Patients who are already registered with a GP in their areas are able to apply to another practice for inclusion on their list of patients, however those practices are not obliged to accept them.
  - Noting that practices should continue to accept applications from patients that are new to the area.

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 **446-23** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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