

Freedom of Information request 483-23

Request

This is an information request relating to EHC cards.

Please include the following information for the 2020/21, 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial years:

- How much has the organisation spent (broken down by financial year) on providing treatment to foreign patients supplying an EHC card
- How much has been recovered (broken down by financial year) from the relevant health authorities for treatment provided through EHC

Response

- NHS Borders does not cost activities at a specialty level and therefore the cost for providing treatment for patients supplying an EHC card is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
- NHS Borders does not receive any income from overseas visitors on the production of an EHC card. A reciprocal arrangement is in place with a number of countries, and the income received for this is received totally independently by Central Government and is not linked to the Health Funding Allocation. 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 **483-23** 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.