

## Freedom of Information request 564-23

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### Request

Please confirm:

- (a) how many claims have been submitted to NHS Borders by GPs as part of the Golden Hello Scheme, in each year since 2016.
- (b) how many payments have been made to GPs as part of the Golden Hello Scheme, in each year since 2016.
- (c) the total amount paid to GPs as part of the Golden Hello Scheme, in each year since 2016.
- (d) how many of the payments in each year since 2016 were made under a rate for a) an area of recruitment difficulty b) a remote and rural area c) a deprived area.

### Response

- (a) The number of claims submitted to NHS Borders by GPs as part of the Golden Hello Scheme is:

2015/16 – 2020/21 This information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

2021/22	<5
2022/23	<5
2023/24	0 (to date)

- (b) The number of payments made to GPs as part of the Golden Hello Scheme is:

2015/16	<5
2016/17	<5
2017/18	<5
2018/19	0
2019/20	<5
2020/21	<5
2021/22	<5
2022/23	<5
2023/24	0 (to date)

- (c) The total amount paid to GPs as part of the Golden Hello Scheme is:

2015/16	£8,156.57
2016/17	£15,000
2017/18	£10,000
2018/19	£0
2019/20	£25,000
2020/21	£5,000
2021/22	£26,084.65
2022/23	£25,000
2023/24	£0 (to date)

(d) The number of the payments in each year that were made under a rate for a) an area of recruitment difficulty b) a remote and rural area c) a deprived area are:

2015/16	Deprivation <5
2016/17	Recruitment <5
2017/18	Deprivation <5
2018/19	N/A
2019/20	Recruitment <5, Remote & Rural <5
2020/21	Recruitment <5
2021/22	Recruitment <5, Deprivation <5
2022/23	Recruitment <5, Remote & Rural <5
2023/24	N/A

As the number of events in some areas are very small and in accordance with the Code of Practice for Official Statistics any number that is less than five, actual numbers and potentially identifiable information is withheld to help maintain patient confidentiality due to potential risk of disclosure. Further information is available in the [ISD Statistical Disclosure Control Protocol](#).

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 **564-23** 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.