

6 October 2023

Freedom of Information request 670-23

Request

1. On how many occasions did a Junior Doctor work more than 48hours in any 7-day period in your last 26-week review?
2. On how many occasions did a Junior Doctor work more than 60hours in any 7-day period in your last 26-week review?
3. On how many occasions did a Junior Doctor work more than 80hours in any 7-day period in your last 26-week review?
4. On how many occasions did a Junior Doctor work more than 100hours in any 7-day period in your last 26-week review?
5. What was the greatest number of hours that a Junior Doctor worked over any 7-day period during your last 26-week review?
6. What were the dates, starting from and ending with, for your last 26-week review?

Response

Junior Doctors are employed on a regional model and their information is updated to their employing Board's payroll, time, and attendance system. Therefore, NHS Borders do not hold the information on the hours worked as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

However, under Section 15, Duty to Provide Advice and Assistance, NHS Borders are able to provide the information that relates to the hours a Junior Doctor was rostered to work. This information has been provided below:

1. There were 175 occasions when a Junior Doctor was rostered for more than 48 hours in a 7-day period in the last 26-week review.
2. There were 55 occasions when a Junior Doctor was rostered for more than 60 hours in a 7-day period in the last 26-week review.
3. There were 0 occasions when a Junior Doctor was rostered for more than 80 hours in a 7-day period in the last 26-week review.
4. There were 0 occasions when a Junior Doctor was rostered for more than 100 hours in a 7-day period in the last 26-week review.
5. The greatest number of hours that a Junior Doctor worked in a 7-day period in the last 26-week review was 61.50 hours.
6. The last 26-week review was January 2023 – August 2023.

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 **670-23** 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.