

4 October 2023

Freedom of Information request 674-23

Request

1. In this health board, how much was spent on renting or leasing medical equipment from private companies during the financial year 2023/24? Please provide the data for 2022/23.
2. For each of the years outlined above, please also provide a breakdown of the equipment rented or leased, what the rental charge was, what the period of the rental charge was, for how long and for how often it was rented, and the overall and monthly costs associated with each individual item.
3. For each of the years outlined above, and where items have been rented or leased, please explain why they have been rented or leased and where they were used (e.g. in an operating theatre, ward, intensive care).

Response

1. The amount spent by NHS Borders on renting or leasing medical equipment from private companies is:

2022/23	£47,287
2023/24	£47,287

2. NHS Borders has one long term lease arrangement for medical equipment during the period(s) of your request. This lease agreement covers Arthroscopy equipment for Orthopaedic Surgery, including Camera Stacks, Power Drills, and arthroscopy instruments.

March 2022 to February 2027. Lease charges will be a total of £236,437.24 over 5 years payable quarterly.

3. Leasing this theatre equipment was the preferred option on the basis of a financial appraisal.

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 **674-23** 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.