

11 October 2023

Freedom of Information request 681-23

Request

1. What was the greatest number of consecutive days worked, without 24 hours off, by (i)nurses ,(ii) junior doctors and (iii)all other medical staff broken down by year from 2018 to 2023.
2. What was the longest shift worked by a (i)nurse ,(ii) junior doctor and (iii)all other medical staff broken down by year from 2018 to 2023.

Response

1. NHS Borders use 3 separate electronic systems to capture differing levels of data on shifts worked. The data requested is not recorded on any of these systems and therefore this information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.
2. The Board calculates that the work required to provide the information would exceed the amount prescribed for responding to requests made under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Under Section 12(1) Excessive cost of compliance, of the Act, we are not obliged to provide you with the information.

We can, however, confirm that the longest continuous shift a Registered Nurse completed between 1 January 2023 and 30 April 2023 was 14.75 hours.

Please note: 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 this information 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 **681-23** 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.