

Freedom of Information request 445-22

Request

To ask the Health Board for a breakdown of the cost of agency staff listed per month for each of the past 18 months.

Response

Please find below the total agency spend for NHS Borders in the last 18 months from March 2020 to August 2022, this includes all types of agency usage:

Financial Year	Month	Value
2020	March	£ 340,765
2021	April	£ 285,960
2021	May	£ 251,908
2021	June	£ 364,128
2021	July	£ 325,124
2021	August	£ 248,261
2021	September	£ 155,426
2021	October	£ 374,015
2021	November	£ 334,716
2021	December	£ 322,407
2021	January	£ 253,538
2021	February	£ 492,283
2021	March	£ 1,495,163
2022	April	£ 435,957
2022	May	£ 487,181
2022	June	£ 516,372
2022	July	£ 562,817
2022	August	£ 685,644

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 **445-22** 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.