

Freedom of Information request 403-21

Request

1. Please provide copies of all official policies and/or guidance, whether developed for use by Trust staff or patients, relating to patients with transgender identities including policies and/or guidance regarding accommodation for patients with transgender identities on wards.
2. Please also include details of any internal or external groups or organisations which had input into these policies and/or guidance, as well as copies of equality impact assessments for these policies and/or guidance.

Response

1. This information is not held, as defined in Section 17, Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, at NHS Borders there are no official policies or guidance relating to patients with transgender identities or regarding accommodation for patients with transgender identities on wards. It is, however, standard procedure to place a patient in the ward for the gender that they identify as; if they not wish to be placed in a ward then a cubicle will be found to place the patient.
2. This information is not held, 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 **403-21** 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.