

## Freedom of Information request 304-14

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### Request

1. How many agency/ locum staff are currently employed by the trust both as Medical Laboratory Assistants and Biomedical Scientists?
2. **Amended Question:**  
  
Which hospitals are the pathology/ biomedical science services based at and which hospitals these provide a service to?
3. What was the annual spend on locum agency workers in the last financial year?

### Response

1. There are currently no agency/locum Medical Laboratory Assistants or Biomedical Scientists employed by NHS Borders.
2. NHS Borders Pathology Biomedical services are provided from the Borders General Hospital (BGH), Melrose for the BGH and local Community Hospitals in Hawick, Kelso, Duns and Peebles.
3. As there were no agency/locum staff employed as Medical Laboratory Assistants or Biomedical Scientists there was no spend in 2013/14.

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](mailto: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 **304-14** 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.