

Freedom of Information request 218-17

Request

1. To provide, under FOI legislation, all details of instances of when the Health Board has received support from the Red Cross specifically a) the type and purpose of support, b) how long this support was in place for, c) the costings of the support if the Red Cross had not been involved, all broken down by year since May 2007.
2. To provide, under FOI legislation, details of any funding that has been given to the Red Cross in exchange for services, broken down by year since May 2007.
3. Under Freedom of Information Legislation can you please provide a breakdown, by year, for the past 5 years, of the funding it has received from the Scottish Government through the Pharmaceutical Price Regulation Scheme.

Response

- 1&2 The following tables details the expenditure incurred for services provided to NHS Borders by the Red Cross during the period 2007/08 to 2016/17:

Financial Year	Patient Transport	Patient Travel - Cancer Support **	Care at Home	General Venue Hire & Training	Developing Neighbourhood Links Project
2007/08	£2,500		£30,000		
2008/09	£4,290				
2009/10	£6,463				
2010/11	£7,052			£2,622	
2011/12	£2,913			£1,901	£60,070
2012/13	£4,823	£59,898			
2013/14	£12,195	£35,257			£29,000
2014/15	£2,653	£28,386			£29,000
2015/16	£1,185	£36,630			£41,282
2016/17 to Dec16	£790	£22,930			£14,000

Financial Year	Support to Patient Discharge Process	Charity support - Voluntary Organisations Service Level Agreement	Support to Extra Care Housing Project
2012/13	£42,468	£14,000	
2013/14	£7,500	£10,000	£19,540

2014/15	£29,875	£17,270	£7,600
2015/16	£29,808	£15,000	
2016/17 to Dec16	£14,904	£15,000	

** The costs of Patient Travel - Cancer Support are met through Charitable Funds held within Cancer Services.

Alternative costs cannot be provided as NHS Borders has not sourced alternative provision for the services provided by the Red Cross.

3. NHS Borders has received the following levels of funding from the New Medicines Fund:

- 2014/15 £1.01m
- 2015/16 £1.78m
- 2016/17 £1.10m

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 **218-17** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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