

## Freedom of Information request 218-18

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**Please note that as a registered charity and not a public authority, NHS Borders Endowment fund is not bound by FOI legislation. Therefore under our duty to be provide advice and assistance please find the following response which we hope you will find helpful:**

### Request

1. To provide a full itemised list of expenditure from 2014 to current year that used charitable monies.
2. To provide all notes and minutes on the usage of charity money for spending in Health board from 2014 to current year .
3. To provide all communication to the Scottish Government on the usage of charitable monies from 2014 to current year.

### Response

1. The charitable activities of the Borders Health Board Endowment Fund are reported each year as part of the Endowment Fund 'The Difference' Annual Report and Accounts. The Annual Report and Accounts are externally audited on an annual basis. The audited Annual Report and Accounts for 'The Difference' for the period 2013/14 to 2016/17 are publicly available on the website -

<https://www.thedifference.org.uk/trustees-and-publications/>.

The 2017/18 Annual Report and Accounts will be recommended to the Trustees for approval on the 6th June 2018 and available for issue on the 28th June 2018.

The Annual Report and Accounts present a number of analysis tables with supporting narrative to describe the charitable activities supported by the Endowment Funds each year.

The Endowment Fund transactions are recorded through the NHS Scotland Finance System which cannot provide the level of detail requested. To obtain this data would require a manual trawl of all paper invoices and the cost of carrying out this work would be excessive so we are unable to provide.

2. The Endowment Board of Trustees meetings are minuted and these minutes are available as part of the Health Board's public meeting papers which are available on the public website at the following link:

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/corporate-information/key-publications/?category=Board+Papers&keyword=&month=&year=>

The minutes will detail approvals given by the Trustees to utilise charitable endowment funds. Please note individual Restricted Endowment Funds are managed by appointed Fund Managers who work in line with the approved Governance arrangements in place and ensure delivery of the charitable purpose.

3. The Board's Annual Report and Accounts each year are submitted to the Scottish Government to be laid before Parliament. The Boards Annual Report and Accounts present the consolidated year end financial position of the Board Revenue, Capital and Endowment Funds. The 2017/18 Annual Report and Accounts will be available for issue following the public Board meeting on 28th June 2018.

The Board's Annual Report and Accounts are available on the NHS Borders public website at the following link:

<http://www.nhsborders.scot.nhs.uk/corporate-information/about-the-board/>

The attached letter was submitted to the Scottish Government in April 2018:



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to Paul Gray from Joh

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 **218-18** 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.