

Freedom of Information request 320-18

Request

Question 1) How much was spent/paid to Independent hospitals or surgeries within your health board in a) 2015/16, b) 2016/17, c) 2017/18 and d)to date in 2018/19

Question 2) How much was spent/paid to a)the Golden Jubilee, b) other health board's NHS services, other than services which there are a regional or tertiary lead contract of cancer services and c) independent health services outside of your NHS board area in a) 2015/16, b) 2016/17, c) 2017/18 and d)to date in 2018/19

Question 3) How much was spent/paid to services outside of Scotland but within the United Kingdom a) 2015/16, b) 2016/17, c) 2017/18 and d)to date in 2018/19

Question 4) How much was spent paid to services outside of the UK a) 2015/16, b) 2016/17, c) 2017/18 and d)to date in 2018/19

Response

1. The following table details the level of spend on independent contractors who have operated on patients within NHS Borders facilities:

Financial Year	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 to Jun 2018
Level of spend incurred	£460,713	£180,540	£57,333	£1,916

- 2 a) The following table details the level of spend for the Golden Jubilee Hospital in Clydebank:

Financial Year	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 to Jun 2018
Level of spend incurred	£447,112	£395,494	£182,429	£150

- b) The following table details the level of spend for the Other NHS Boards in Scotland:

Financial Year	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 to Jun 2018
Level of spend incurred	£20,168,350	£19,755,648	£20,021,573	£5,043,451

Please note these totals include drugs/devices and specialised cancer services spend as this cannot be extracted without a manual trawl of invoices which would exceed the time limit set in the Fees Regulations of the FOI(S)A 2002, therefore under Section 12 we cannot provide the exact data requested.

c) The following table details the level of spend with Private Providers:

Financial Year	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 to Jun 2018
Level of spend incurred	£703,738	£279,265	£506,715	£117,491

3. The following table details how much was spent/paid to services outside of Scotland but within the UK:

Financial Year	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 to Jun 2018
Level of spend incurred	£1,117,538	£1,108,139	£742,008	£228,657

These figures include expenditure with NHS England and do not include any private provider spend as this is included in the figures for Q2c.

4. NHS Borders did not make referrals for patient treatment outside of the UK.

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 **320-18** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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