

## Freedom of Information request 176-22

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### Request

1. For the Financial year 2021/22 please confirm whether your organisation purchased any training from the below Training Providers together with the value of the training purchased.
  - . Elite Training & Consultancy
  - . Global Knowledge
  - . Indicia Training
  - . QA Ltd
  - . The Knowledge Academy
  
2. Which of the below training areas did you purchase and what was the value purchased for each area?
  - . Agile & Scrum
  - . Business Analysis
  - . Data Analytics
  - . Enterprise Architecture
  - . Cyber Security
  - . IT Service Management
  - . Lean/Lean Six Sigma
  - . Project & Programme Management
  - . Software Testing
  - . Technical IT Training
  
3. If you did purchase training in any of the areas listed in question 2, but not via Elite Training & Consultancy/Global Knowledge/Indicia Training/QA Ltd or The Knowledge Academy which training provider did you purchase from and what was the total value of the training purchased? Please also confirm the training area purchased together with a breakdown of spend in each area.
  
4. Did your organisation purchase any digital learning subscription licences in Financial Year 2021/22 from any of the below digital learning platforms? If the answer is yes how many licences did you purchase and what was the total value of the purchase?
  - . A Cloud Guru
  - . CBT Nuggets
  - . Cloud Academy
  - . LinkedIn Learning
  - . Plural Sight
  
5. What are your organisations procurement rules around purchasing training and how do these change when certain value thresholds are reached, see examples below.
  - . under £5,000 - 1 quote,
  - . over £5,000 but under £10,000 - 3 quotes required
  - . over £10,000 – 5 quotes via an open procurement exercise
  - . over £20,000 – full tender exercise

6. Does your organisation use any of the below public sector procurement frameworks to procure training and if so which one/s? Please also confirm the value of training purchased from each framework in relation to the training areas listed in question 2.

- Crown Commercial Service Dynamic Purchasing Service (DPS)
- G Cloud 12
- ESPO
- Scottish Government Project Management Framework

7. If you use an alternative procurement framework to procure training in the training areas listed in question 2 which framework do you use?

8. Do you have a competency framework in place? If yes, which department manages this. If no, is there a central training function, if yes, where does this report to?

9. Is the expectation that budget will be made available for training, if yes what value?

## Response

1. No, none of the training providers listed were used by NHS Borders during this period.
2. NHS Borders purchased Project & Programme Management training. The training purchased was Prince 2 Foundation & Practice for £477
3. NHS Borders purchased Project & Programme Management training from The Knowledge Tree for £477.
4. No.
5. Procurement is as follows
  - Under £5,000 – 1 quote required
  - Between £5,000 but under £50,000 – 3 quotes required
6. No, NHS Borders do not use any of the above public sector procurement frameworks to procure training.
7. NHS Borders uses NHS Scotland National procurement frameworks.
8. NHS Borders uses the NHS Scotland National Procurement Frameworks, support and advice is also taken from the Procurement Department within the Finance Directorate.
9. There is no central budget; departments are responsible for the provision of training from within their own budgets.

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 **176-22** 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.