

Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010

Sections 31 and 32 of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 impose duties on Scottish public bodies to publish information on expenditure and certain other matters as soon as is reasonably practicable after the end of each financial year.

For the financial year ended 31 March 2022, the following information is required;

Duty to provide information on certain expenditure

Section 31(1) and (2) requires us to publish details of any expenditure incurred in the previous financial year on or in connection with the following matters:

Public Relations

We spent £90k on communications in 2021-22 informing the public and disseminating information. This figure consists of staff costs and external agencies although the bulk of this spend was made up of staff costs as most information is now distributed online

Overseas Travel

We spent £nil on overseas travel.

Hospitality and Entertainment

We spent £Nil in 2021-22 as most meetings continued to be held remotely during the year.

External Consultancy

We spent £38,933 on external consultancy as follows;

21/22

Activity	Core		NCF
IT infrastructure review	£ -	£ -	-
Organisational development	£11,112	£ -	-
Policy development	£27,821	£ -	-
	£38,933	£ -	-

Payments in Excess of £25,000

Payments in excess of £25,000 made by the Mental Welfare Commission:

Singular instance - Core				
Supplier	Number of instances	Value		Type of spend
CSE-Servelec Limited	1	£	85,492	Software maint
Scottish Legal Aid Board	1	£	35,846	Rent
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ASA Recruitment	1	£	25,586	Supply of Temp Staff

Grouped instance						
Supplier	Number	Total Value	Core Value	NCF Value	Type of spend	
Anderson Strathearn	87	£ 36,149	£ 36,149	£ -	Legal Fees	
Lorien Resourcing	62	£ 56,695	£ 56,695	£ -	Temporary Staff	
NHS GCC	15	£ 64,485	£ 64,485		Staff Secondments	
Ryden Property Consultants	14	£ 49,084	£ 49,084		Rent	

Government Procurement Cards – transactions over £500

The Scottish Government requires that from 1 September 2013 onwards, all public bodies will publish data on GPC transactions of £500 and above. The Commission publishes this data once annually.

These single transactions are as follows:

Rent & Rates	£ 809
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Rent & Rates	£ 2,426
Office Expenses	£ 540
Office Expenses	£ 854
Office Expenses	£ 1,296
Office Expenses	£ 1,529
Office Expenses	£ 1,544
Office Expenses	£ 1,617
Human Resources	£ 620
Human Resources	£ 780
Human Resources	£ 1,080
Human Resources	£ 1,600
Good Practice Projects	£ 1,260
Communications	£ 850
Communications	£ 1,020
Communications	£ 1,920
	£ 24,594

Members or employees who received remuneration in excess of £150,000

There are no employees or members in this category

Duty to Publish a Statement on Sustainable Economic Growth and Efficiency, Effectiveness and Economy

Section 32(1)(a) of the Act place a duty on public bodies to publish a statement of the steps it has taken during the financial year to promote and increase sustainable growth and improve efficiency, effectiveness and economy through the exercise of its functions

Sustainable Economic Growth

The Scottish Government has a [National Performance Framework](#) which gives Scotland's public services a common set of outcomes to work towards.

In any successful country, if all its citizens are to flourish, it is imperative that there are systems in place to safeguard the most vulnerable in society, those without a voice and those that may be detained or compelled to take treatment against their will. The Commission provides part of this essential function for Scotland. In particular our work contributes to the national outcomes on health and human rights

People with mental illness, learning disabilities and related conditions are at greater risk of being marginalised and of having their rights eroded. We safeguard those rights by ensuring compliance with mental health and incapacity legislation and by highlighting situations where existing legislation provides insufficient safeguards and/or appears incompatible with human rights law. During the year we:

- Processed 38,163 forms and other notifications relating to mental health and incapacity legislation.
- Published a second report on how the Mental health act was being used during the pandemic
- Published our report on Adults with Incapacity Act
- Provided advice on the operation of mental health and incapacity legislation through our telephone advice service and other publications.
- Updated 11 good practice guides and 3 advice notes.
- Published a new good practice guide around appeals on excessive security.

We have a major role to play in making Scotland healthier. People with mental illness, learning disability and related conditions have poorer physical health and a reduced life expectancy. By reporting on the care of individual people, we can help to address inequalities in health care and raise expectations of what can be done to help the people we see. Our investigations into deficiency of care and treatment of individuals result in significant learning points for services. Our visits to individuals result in action to address unmet needs and help to build a picture of service locally and nationally. Despite the continuing restrictions placed on our visit programme during the year by the pandemic, we:

- Carried out 91 local visits to hospitals and care services. After each local visit we make recommendations for improvement to services based on the individuals we see. We ask services to follow up on these recommendations.
- We published our report into the care and treatment of nine women prisoners from the comprehensive file review undertaken in the previous year. This raised concerns and made recommendations for the mental health care and treatment of vulnerable women in prison.

Efficiency, Effectiveness and Economy

We are committed to demonstrating that our work provides value for money. This year we:

- continue to audit the advice given on the telephone advice line and our local visits. Results from these evaluations are fed back to the practitioners to improve practice and share any learning points.
- provided advice to Scottish Government and other stakeholders on the implications of emergency legislation and other issues arising from the pandemic on restrictions and safeguards for vulnerable people subject to mental health and incapacity legislation.
- completed a review of moves of people from hospital to care homes during the initial period of the pandemic. Our authority to discharge report was published in May 2021
- published our report Racial inequality and mental health in Scotland in September 2021.
- carried out self-assessments of the Board and A,P & R Committee and implemented improvements

We utilise, wherever possible, the Scottish Government framework agreements and collaborative contracts. This allows us to benefit from competitive rates and economies of scale.

We also share services with other public sector partners. We share payroll and finance with the Scottish Government and building services with the Scottish Legal Aid Board and Microsoft 365 and email provision with the NHS in Scotland.