



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 2023, 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 £105k on communications in 2022-23 informing the public and disseminating information. This figure consists of staff costs and external agencies, 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 £3k in 2022-23 on hospitality and entertainment

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
Scottish Legal Aid Board	1	£ 36,663	Rent
Access UK Ltd	1	£ 54,295	Software Maint

£ 90,958

Grouped instance					
Supplier	Number of instances	Core Value	NCF Value	Total Value	Type of spend
Access UK Ltd	1	£ 54,295	£ -	£ 54,295	Software Maint
Anderson Strathearn	31	£ 31,769	£ 5,680	£ 37,449	Legal Fees
Fife Health Board (NHS)	3	£ 54,269	£ -	£ 54,269	Staff Secondments
Lorien Resourcing	34	£ 65,292	£ -	£ 65,292	Temporary Staff
Pertemps Group Of Companies, The	89	£ 59,829	£ -	£ 59,829	Temporary Staff
Reed Specialist Recruitment Limited	67	£ 63,550	£ -	£ 63,550	Temporary Staff
Ryden Property Consultants	7	£ -	£ 56,975	£ 56,975	Rent
Scottish Legal Aid Board	10	£ 151,797	£ -	£ 151,797	Rent
Trustmarque Solutions Limited	2	£ 25,676	£ -	£ 25,676	IT Licences
		£ 506,479	£ 62,654	£ 569,133	

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:

Printing Costs	£849.60
Telecommunications	£660.00
Rates	£821.70
Other Expenses	£1,335.60
Telecommunications	£660.00
Telecommunications	£616.60
Telecommunications	£660.00
Rates	£1,643.40
Telecommunications	£660.00
Telecommunications	£545.73
Telecommunications	£585.73
Telecommunications	£1,462.18
	£12,480.54

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 44,579 forms and other notifications relating to mental health and incapacity legislation.
- Published our monitoring review of how the Mental Health Act is used for services to compare practice across the country and the report on young people admitted to non-specialist services.
- Produced a statistical monitoring report in June 2022 looking at information about hospital based and community based compulsory treatment orders, to understand how these types of intervention have been used over the past 14 years in Scotland.
- Published three closure reports relating to previously published themed visits reports: Authority to Discharge, Racial Equality and Mental Health in Scotland and Care and Treatment for People with Alcohol Related Brain Damage.
- Provided advice on the operation of mental health and incapacity legislation through our telephone advice service and other publications.
- Updated 5 existing good practice guides and published a new good practice guide relating to tenancies for people with additional support needs.
- Published an advice note in December 2022 providing information about ICD11 which was introduced in Scotland as a way in which diagnoses are recorded.
- Hosted a Masterclass webinar with NHS Education Scotland on AWI legislation and practice. 2,612 individuals from across social work, social care, health, the third sector and partner bodies such as the Care Inspectorate registered, with 1,412 attendees on the day of the Masterclass, delivered online via Teams.

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. This year we:

- Carried out 142 local visits to hospitals and care services. We met 790 individuals, and this exceeded our target of 650. For each local visit we provided feedback and recommendations for improvement to the services involved. A report summarising the findings and recommendations from our local visits in 2022-23 will be published in June 2023.
- Published our Mental Health in Scotland's prison's report and in September 2022 we published our report on Ending the exclusion: care, treatment and support for people with mental ill health and problem substance use in Scotland.
- Carried out two national themed visits: individuals subject to community based compulsory treatment orders; and individuals receiving health care and treatment out with NHS Scotland services. As part of this work, we spoke with 156 individuals and given the importance of speaking to staff involved, carers etc, the total number of contacts made to undertake these two themed visits was 562.

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.
- Collaborated with NHS Education for Scotland throughout the year as part of a 16 month project (funded by Scottish Government) to support a national approach to learning and applying the principles and requirements of the Adults with Incapacity (Scotland) Act 2000 in practice.
- Attended several meetings with the Scott review team and partner organisations reviewing the assurance mechanisms for the mental health and learning disability landscape. We welcomed the proposals in the Scott review's final report published in September 2022, outlining enhanced leadership and expanded powers for the Commission.

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, building services with the Scottish Legal Aid Board and Microsoft O365 and email provision with the NHS in Scotland.