

FORTH VALLEY NHS BOARD

PUBLIC SERVICES REFORM (SCOTLAND) ACT 2010

STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015

1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act came into force on 1st October 2010. The duties of the Scottish Government and public bodies under part 3 of the Act are to publish a range of financial and other information intended to promote openness and transparency across the public sector in Scotland. Additional financial and performance information is contained within Forth Valley NHS Board Annual Accounts available at the following link:

<http://www.nhsforthvalley.com/publications/financial-information/>

2.0 PUBLIC RELATIONS: £ 283,718

This figure is consistent with the value per Note 6 to the 2014/2015 Annual Accounts.

3.0 OVERSEAS TRAVEL: £ 7,868

Costs associated with overseas travel including accommodation, subsistence and transportation in respect of 9 trips for 17 members of staff.

4.0 HOSPITALITY AND ENTERTAINMENT: £ 78,246

Expenditure on hospitality including catering costs for staff events, gifts, meals, parties, and receptions.

5.0 EXTERNAL CONSULTANCY: £ 9,426

The definition of external consultancy is set out in Scottish Government guidance:

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Government/Procurement/about/SPDDOCFORMS/v>

6.0 PAYMENTS WITH A VALUE IN EXCESS OF £25,000

This information is published on the Board's website at the following link:

<http://www.nhsforthvalley.com/publications/financial-information/>

7.0 MEMBERS OR EMPLOYEES WHO RECEIVE REMUNERATION IN EXCESS OF £150,000

During 2014/15, 33 individuals received remuneration in excess of £150,000. All are clinical staff.

8.0 SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH

Forth Valley NHS Board employs around 7,000 people from a wide range of professional and support occupations in our acute hospital, community hospitals and health centres and is responsible for providing health services for and improving the health of the population of Forth Valley.

Some of the main factors likely to affect future development, performance and position of the Board include changing population demographics, advances in technology and medicines, hospital capacity issues, and continuing financial challenges arising from pay related costs including pensions and maintaining affordability of services within budget. These factors are key to developing and planning the Board's future healthcare strategy model.

Forth Valley NHS Board remains committed to working with its partner organisations towards greater integrated service provision with improved outcomes by minimising cultural and structural barriers to joint working and maximizing collaborative approaches.

The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Scotland) Bill received Royal Assent on 1 April 2014 and provides the legislative framework for the integration of adult health and social care services across the Board area with all integration arrangements to be in place by April 2016.