

Freedom of Information Request Reference AG170613

 How much funding does the NHSCT spend for the exclusive purpose of support for carers. Please give the figure for direct support to carers only.

The NHSCT spend on the exclusive support of carers in 2012/13 was £439,293. This figure does not include Direct Payments or funding for respite. The actual number of Direct Payments is included in the 2012/13 returns to the Health and Social Care Board, which is attached.

2. How much funding does the NHSCT spend to provide respite services where the respite service is provided at no cost to the service user? In relation to financial information for respite services, this is not held centrally by the NHSCT, rather it is held within individual departments across Directorates in various formats. In order to provide you with this information an extensive manual exercise would have to be carried out, which the NHSCT considers would render your request above the appropriate fee limit as per Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Therefore, it is not possible to make this information available.

However, for your information, please see attached NHSCT returns to the Health and Social Care Board for 2012/13, which you referred to in your clarification email correspondence.