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Dear Ms Cairns

Request for Information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA)

I refer to your request for information regarding carer expenditure 2018-19.

In its 2018/19 budget the Scottish Government allocated £66 million to local authorities. This resource was designed in part to implement the duties within the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016, including the duty to provide support to carers to meet their eligible needs.

Please provide a full breakdown of what the money allocated to implementing the duties in the Carers (Scotland) Act 2016 was spent on in the financial year 2018 / 2019. Please use the following headings below to set out how it was spent:

1. Strategic carer posts in HSCPs

Additional 0.5 day per week (temporary) - £4,670

2. Carers support posts in HSCPs

No additional posts were created within the HSCP. Additional funding was allocated to Carer Centres to undertake extra responsibilities associated with the Act. Carers Act funding was also allocated for support, information and advice services provided by support agencies.

Additional funding for support agencies - £81,555

3. Allocated to local Health Board (including implementation of Section 28)

No allocation from Midlothian HSCP. Section 28 work undertaken at NHS Lothian level.

4. Funding to carers centres (please provide breakdown)

£52,706. Information relating to costs paid to providers is commercially sensitive and therefore names of centres are exempt under Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2002.

5. Funding to young carers services (including funding directed to young carers through local carers centres (please provide breakdown)

Unfortunately due to current recording methods we are unable to split spend between adult and young carers.

6. Funding to other third sector orgs (please provide breakdown)

£28,489. Information relating to costs paid to providers is commercially sensitive and therefore names of organisations are exempt under Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2002.

7. Short Breaks / respite / replacement care (adult carers)

Allocation of £30,000 to support Short Breaks for all carers. Respite and replacement care resource panel spend on carers is greater than Carers Act allocation. Funding not directly allocated to Carers Act projects is utilised against carer spend at Resource Panel (approx. £181,371).

8. Short Breaks / respite / replacement care (young carers)

See response to 7.

9. Allocated against loss of income for waiving charges for carers (please separate this from resources allocated to short break services or replacement care)

Resource panel spend on carers is greater than Carers Act allocation. Funding not directly allocated to Carers Act projects is utilised against carer spend at resource panel (approx. £181,371).

10. Other direct carer support (adult carers)

Core HSCP funding is used to support a significant proportion of the expenditure on carer services and support. This funding is in addition to funding that was provided to support services under the Carers Act.

11. Other direct carer support (young carers)

See response to 10.

12. Awareness raising of the Carers Act

A significant proportion of promotion and awareness raising of the Carers Act was done by means that had no direct cost, e.g. social media, email promotion via

13. Carer engagement / consultation activities

£239 - consultation event.

14. Other (please provide breakdown)

N/A

15. Used for a different purpose, other than supporting carers and implementing the Carers Act (please provide explanation)

Resource panel spend on carers is greater than Carers Act allocation. Funding not directly allocated to Carers Act projects is utilised against carer spend at resource panel (approx. £181,371).

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Yours sincerely



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