

3 November 2017

Dear Ms Roberts

Information Request – MyDentist/IDH NHS payments

I am writing with regard to your Freedom of Information request on 29 October 2017 that was received by NHS Health Scotland on the next working day, in which you ask the following:

*“Please provide the following information under the FOI guidelines;
-the total value of allowance payments made to the IDH group (operating as MyDentist) for rent/rates and practice improvements in the financial years 16/17, 15/16 and 14/15.”*

Unfortunately we are unable to help you with your request. Although NHS Health Scotland is a part of the NHS in Scotland, we do not provide health services directly to the public including dentistry and we have no role in monitoring or providing the information that you are looking for. Our role is to work with a range of organisations including other NHS Boards, local government, the third sector and employers to help them use knowledge about what works to improve the health of people in Scotland. [This link](#) describes the different organisations that make up the NHS in Scotland.

Therefore you may wish to redirect your request to the 14 local Health Boards that provide care and treatment, and in this case contact details are available [here](#)

If for any reason you are not satisfied with our response, you do have the right to ask the Chief Executive to review our response. You should do this within 40 working days of receipt of this letter and in a recordable format (letter, email, audio tape etc). The Chief Executive will consider your query, consulting with others as necessary, and will respond to you within 20 working days.

I hope that this is of help to you.

Yours sincerely



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