

NHS Grampian Overseas Travel

During 2021/22 NHS Grampian spent £13,293.32 on the cost of travel, accommodation and subsistence in overseas countries primarily to support clinical staff in their attendance at key clinical forums, research and training programmes. These opportunities are provided to primarily Senior Medical staff in order to ensure that they have the opportunity to network with colleagues from similar disciplines overseas and through the sharing of research and best practice ensure our patients receive the benefit of the most modern clinical techniques. A total of 13 individual trips were undertaken during the year.

Similar to 2020/21, spend was reduced in comparison to prior years, due to the clinical focus on the Covid-19 pandemic response, and the restrictions imposed on non-essential travel (£4,473 for 4 trips). The increase in 2021/22 can be attributed to more in-person events being held in quarter 4 due to the lifting of some Covid-19 travel restrictions. Expenditure has not returned to pre-pandemic levels, as some events have continued to be provided virtually.