## NHS Grampian External Consultancy

Expenditure on external consultancy during 2014/15 was £126,242.

NHS Grampian has used a total of 10 consultancy firms during 2014/15. These suppliers provided consultancy services in a number of areas including capital projects, construction and building infrastructure development, IT system implementation and infection control issues. Consultancy services are used for the provision of specialist expertise which is not available from NHS Grampians own staff and therefore represent a value for money alternative to the direct employment of specialist staff.