## **NHS Grampian External Consultancy**

Expenditure on external consultancy during 2010/11 was £538,724

NHS Grampian has used a total of 30 consultancy firms during 2010/11. These suppliers provided consultancy services in a number of areas including, capital projects, construction and building infrastructure development, IT system implementation, workforce review, property matters 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.