

### **NHS Grampian External Consultancy**

Expenditure on external consultancy during 2018/19 was £85,685 (2017/18 £79,133).

NHS Grampian has used a total of 4 consultancy organisations during 2018/19 (5 in 2017/18). These suppliers provided consultancy services in a number of areas including, capital projects, construction and building infrastructure development, IT system implementation, property matters and infection control issues. Consultancy services are used for the provision of specialist expertise which is not available from NHS Grampian's own staff and therefore represent a value for money alternative to the direct employment of specialist staff.