

Section 31: Duty to provide information on certain expenditure incurred during 2024/25

During the year ending 31 March 2025, the Children & Young People's Commissioner Scotland incurred expenditure associated with the categories provided within section 31 of the Public Services Reform (Scotland) Act 2010 as follows:

Section 31 (2) Expenditure	
Description	Annual Expenditure (£)
(a) Public Relations	
External PR Expenditure	57,775
Internal PR Expenditure - in house staffing	192,941
see note 1	250,716
(b) Overseas Travel	
see note 2	2,594
(c) Hospitality and Entertainment	
	2,279
(d) External Consultancy	
Research, Investigation and Examination	19,489
Section 31 (3) Payments in Excess of £25,000	
Description	Annual Expenditure (£)
Individual Payment greater than £25,000 (none)	0
Multiple Payments greater than £25,000 (IT & Mobile Telephony provision & support)	43,349
Multiple Payments greater than £25,000 (HR & Employment Law support)	76,956
Section 31 (4) Members or employees who received remuneration in excess of £150,000	
Description	Annual Expenditure (£)
None	0

Note 1:

We have responded in line with the very broad definition of "Public Relations" under the legislation. The Commissioner has a statutory duty to raise awareness and understanding of the rights of children and young people. The reported expenditure includes:

- Production of human rights education and best practise resources created for children and young people
- Other publications on rights, for example our investigation reports and annual reports
- Media monitoring
- Maintenance of our website
- BSL translations and other accessibility reporting and website developments
- Salary plus on costs of one full-time Senior Management Team post and two part-time officer grade posts. These roles are broad communications roles and include but are not limited to, responsibilities for media relations, production of human rights resources and office publications, and supporting the participation of children and young people in the communications of the office.

Note 2: Overseas travel is not accounted for separately and has been extracted based on the best information available. This includes travel for Commissioner, staff, and to support young people to travel to engage with international bodies such as the UN, as part of our role as an independent child rights institution.

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