

# Report on the Usage of Section 70 of the Charities Act 2006 by the Department of Health

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## Usage of Section 70 of the Charities Act 2006

1. This report is presented pursuant to the Charities Act 2006, section 70, which enables the provision of financial assistance to charitable, benevolent or philanthropic institutions.
2. Throughout 2012-13, the Department of Health has made grants totalling £2.1m to organisations under the provisions of the Charities Act 2006. In all cases, the funding matched both the aims and objectives of the Department of Health, as well as those of the recipients. This spending does not represent the total amount of grant funding provided to the Voluntary and Community Sector, as many other grants have been paid under the powers conferred by alternative legislation.
3. To further the aims of the Cold Weather Plan, Ministers approved a £1.5m fund for allocation to Age UK (£1m) and Foundations Independent Living Trust (FILT) (£0.5m) charities, as a separate element of the Warm Homes Healthy People fund. Both Age UK and Foundations had specialist expertise and looked to build on the active engagement and support of the voluntary sector generated by the WHHP Funding in 2011/12.
4. Both charities delivered on time and on budget reaching over 6,000 households to provide home energy checks, with FILT improving the capacity of the sector by training 385 caseworkers and handypersons on securing healthy homes. Around 6,800 vulnerable people were also helped to claim benefits they were entitled to. For every £1 the Department invested, Age UK was able to leverage over £28 in client benefits, achieving an average of over £2,000 per client, which depending on circumstances remaining the same, is an annual saving for vulnerable people going forward into future years.
5. A grant of £0.4m was paid to the Institute of Public care at Oxford Brookes University to enable the local care market development capacity-building programme targeted at English local authorities.
6. A grant of £0.1m was paid to the Haemophilia Society as part of a five year grant awarded in 2009 in response to Lord Archer's Independent Public Inquiry Report on NHS Supplied Contaminated Blood and Blood Products.
7. A grant of £20k was paid to the British Youth Council to develop resources and work with young people to champion school nursing.
8. As with all grant funding through the Department of Health, grants paid under the Charities Act are monitored to ensure that recipients deliver objectives of individual projects as well as contributing to the strategic aims of the Department and ensuring that the grant provides value for money.

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