

1. Please see below a breakdown of the total amount of funding supplied by the Scottish Government to Families Need Fathers (now known as Shared Parenting Scotland) from the 1 April 2014 until the present date.

Scottish Government Funding to Families Need Fathers Scotland per annum:

2014/15: £10,000

2015/16: £50,000

2016/17: £33,000

2017/18: £33,000

2018/19: £33,000

2019/20: £33,000

Total: £192,000

2. Please see below the conditions of funding and criteria relating to each payment for Families Need Fathers Scotland from the 1 April 2014 until the present date.

**Strategic Funding Partnership 2014/15
Scottish Government Funding: £10,000**

This is a direct extract from Families Need Fathers Scotland offer of Grant letter:

- Families Need Fathers Scotland will work collaboratively and participate in opportunities for joint working, with the Scottish Government and other third sector organisations, on the development and implementation of policy initiatives designed to improve outcomes for children, young people, and the families and communities who support them across Scotland.
- Families Need Fathers Scotland will provide honest and early feedback to the Scottish Government on developments, in respect to issues that relate to these outcomes.
- Families Need Fathers Scotland will act as a source of expertise and experience to the Scottish Government on development and implementation of policy initiatives designed to improve outcomes for children, young people, and the families and communities who support them across Scotland.
- Families Need Fathers Scotland will collaborate on external communication or handling external media interest where there is a matter of mutual interest.
- Families Need Fathers Scotland will continue to explore other income streams aimed at supporting its own sustainability in future years.

Strategic Funding Partnership 2015/16
Scottish Government Funding: £10,000

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Strategic Funding Partnership – Equality Apart in Education and Health 2015/16
Scottish Government Funding: £15,000

This is a direct extract from Families Need Fathers Scotland offer of Grant letter:

- Support separated families by delivering the 'equality apart in education and health' project.
- Provide guidance in relation to the education and health systems, to help enable fathers to continue involvement after separation or divorce and to assist practitioners who work with fathers and their families.
- Provide case work support for fathers and families, in relation to education and health system issues.
- Undertake case work and other forms of support to fathers and other affected family members.
- Widely circulate newly developed guidance (including good practice examples) on education issues.
- Through a programme of research and consultation, develop guides, including good practice examples, for users and providers of health services.
- Publish guidance and good practice examples online; disseminate and promote through networks and through health and education systems.
- Evaluate success, including by: surveying users about awareness and use of guides; tracking number of inquiries; and tracking references to guidance online.

Midlothian Sure Start - “Dad Proofing” Project 2015/16
Scottish Government Funding: £25,000

This is a direct extract from Families Need Fathers Scotland offer of Grant letter:
Programme:

- Encourage and support fathers and new partners in separated families to have significant involvement in their children’s lives by improving communication and parenting skills.
- Demonstrate the benefits of shared parenting in order to encourage shared parenting in Scotland.

Activities:

- Developing case studies and support material showing how shared parenting can work (using the ‘Year of the Dad’ as a focus);
- Wide dissemination of the approaches to positive communication and parenting in separated families that are developed in the Dads Network parenting groups.
- Providing guidance to parents, nurseries, schools and education authorities (developed in conjunction with Children in Scotland) to improve the involvement of both parents after separation.

Children, Young People and Families Early Intervention & Adult Learning and Empowering Communities Fund 2016/17 to 2019/20

2016/17: £33,000

2017/18: £33,000

2018/19: £33,000

2019/20: £33,000

Total: £132,000

These are the Families Need Fathers Scotland funding Outcomes set out in the Grant award letters:

Infrastructure Funding

- Support through helpline and groups: Provide support to fathers, mothers and other family members including new partners to enable them to cope with the difficulties of parenting after separation.
- Shared parenting: Encouraging and supporting more parents to share parenting after separation.
- Influencing professionals: Promote the benefits of father involvement to wider professionals such as teachers, health visitors and midwives, through training sessions and briefing meetings.
- School and health issues: Influence schools and health providers to adopt an even-handed approach to separated parents.

3. You requested a list of frontline services and other organisations that have received training from Families need Fathers since 1st April 2014.

While our aim is to provide information whenever possible, in this instance the Scottish Government does not have the information you have requested. The reasons why we don't have the information are explained below.

The Scottish Government does not have the information you have asked for because this information has not been reported to the Scottish Government; the grant funding supplied by the Scottish Government to Families Need Families Scotland was not for training frontline services and other organisations.

This is a formal notice under section 17(1) of FOISA that the Scottish Government does not have the information you have requested.

However, you may wish to contact Shared Parenting Scotland, formerly known as Families Need Fathers, at info@sharedparenting.scot who may be able to help you.

4. Please see below the professional standards and quality assurance reporting that is required to comply with the quality of service provided.

Grants provided by the Scottish Government are made subject to binding agreements. The Grant letter includes standard conditions of grant and schedules covering claims and payments, including reporting criteria to be met for awarding funding.

For funding awarded through the Children, Young People and Families Early Intervention & Adult Learning and Empowering Communities Fund, Families Need Fathers Scotland have to submit quarterly reports on progress and funding is paid quarterly in arrears provided the Administrator and the Scottish Government were content that the organisation was delivering on the agreed outcomes.