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From: Keith Avis
Sent: 2012-11-19T13:16:14Z
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Subject: NIRHI: Financial Information to provide to DETI for Auditing Purposes
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Deckerson cc: Morag

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Sent: 19 November 2012 10:01
To: Keith Avis
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On the spreadsheet that you have, happy to let you have cost breakdowns as you need them. For instance, recruitment costs are £2k per new person and overheads are set at 24% of overall costs.

Of course, very happy to talk this through further with you or Peter.

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Can you advise how you see this working in practice i.e. what exactly would you provide? How would you provide proof of payment? Would you send bank statements? Etc.

Also, as regards the spreadsheet you sent outlining the development costs up to end of Sept – can you provide supporting info if required eg breakdown of employment costs, It etc.

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Keith,

Personally I do not see a problem with providing them with copies of the bank statements to support monthly reconciliations. The reason is that the bank statements only contain funding from DETI and payments to participants. No other payment is made out of the account.

Also, since Ofgem will be operating the account on an imprest basis, it is but right for them to be given an assurance of our transparency and probity.

Hope this helps.

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