

FOI 0256/2021 Response

Dear FOI Team,

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please send me:

- 1. Which organisation is the incumbent provider for secure, non-emergency mental health transport for Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust ?**

Patient transport to out of area facilities is provided by Secure Care UK and Prometheus.

Please also note that non -urgent patient transport is provided either in house by the Trust's transport fleet or via the contract we have with local taxi firm.

- 2. When did this contract to provide secure, mental health transport commence?**

Secure Care UK contract start date - 4/9/2017

Prometheus contract start date - 20/06/2016

Local Taxi Firm contract start date - Contract expired

- 3. When is this contract to provide secure, non-emergency mental health patient transport due to expire?**

Secure Care UK contract end date 31st March 2022

Prometheus contract ad hoc upon formal termination of this agreement dated 20/06/2016

Local Taxi Firm contract end date – New service level agreement being negotiated with anticipated expiry of March 2023.

- 4. Is there an optional extension period for this contract, and if so how long?**

Secure Care UK – Contract was let as initial period of 12 months with option to extend 3 x 12 months .

Prometheus – Not applicable please refer to Q3.

Local Taxi Firm – No known at this point .

5. What is the annual contract value?

Secure Care UK - £877,425.47

Prometheus - £327,965.50

Local Taxi Firm - £220,000

Please note that the value provided for Prometheus is in relation to current spend rather than an annual contracted figure, this is because the arrangements for Prometheus are on an ad hoc basis.

6. Who is the lead commissioning authority for this contract?

Birmingham and Solihull NHS Mental Health Foundation Trust

7. If there is not a contract for the provision of mental health transport, are providers sourced via a framework or a list of preferred providers?

N/A

8. What is the annual spend by the hospital trust on mental health transport via this framework or list of ad hoc preferred providers?

N/A