

FOI 0310/2023 Response

Request

I am writing with a Freedom of Information request regarding the use of healthcare and specialised transport services within your Trust.

To better understand how your trust deals with healthcare and specialised transport services, please clarify whether your trust provides these services in-house, outsources them all, or uses a mix of both approaches.

Additionally, please provide the following data for your Trust and for each financial year 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, and 2022/23:

1. What was the spend (£ value) on in-house healthcare and specialised transport services within your Trust, and the respective volumes of patients / transportations that you realised with in-house capacity, split by:

- High Dependency (critically ill) patients
- Neonatal (newborn / premature) patients
- Non-Emergency patients
- Other (patients, not included in previous splits)
- Other (non-patients, such as equipment and medication)

2. What was the spend (£ value) on independent sector providers for healthcare and specialised transport services within your Trust, and the respective volumes of patients / transportations that you realised with contracted independent sector providers, split by:

- High Dependency (critically ill) patients
- Neonatal (newborn / premature) patients
- Non-Emergency patients
- Other (patients, not included in previous splits)
- Other (non-patients, such as equipment and medication)

Response

Please see the data below and note the following

- Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust explicitly provide mental health services and do not provide physical healthcare like an Acute Trust. Therefore all data is in relation to transferring mental health patients.
- The response below is in relation to independent Secure Patient Transport and Taxis
- We do not have recorded the respective volumes of patients that were transported.
- The Trust do not use inhouse patient transport

FY2018/2019: £1268427.94

FY2019/2023: £1258701.02

FY2020/2021: £1020049.03

FY2021/2022: £1498520.36

FY2022/2023: £1824034.79