

Patient Transport

Request

I would be most grateful if you would provide me, under the Freedom of Information Act, details in respect of the following:

- Names of the current providers of patient transport for the Trust. Specifically for:
 - Mental Health Patients
 - Secure Mental Health patients
 - Non Secure Transport
- What contracts are in place for the above. Specifically:
 - Annual value and contract spend to date for each
 - Are they sole supply or framework?
 - Date of start of contract for each
 - Date of end of contract for each and any extension arrangements in place
 - Who in the Trust is responsible for Commissioning this service (name and title)
- Number of patient transports conducted in the last financial year by the Trust by:
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Our Response

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OUR RESPONSE: We use volunteer drivers and East Midlands Ambulance Service. In addition, Business Units may arrange ad hoc taxi services as and when required, for example, Norton's Taxis, Station Taxis, Highfields Taxis, Swift Taxis.
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OUR RESPONSE: We do not currently have a contract in place for patient transport.
- Number of patient transports conducted in the last financial year by the Trust by:
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OUR RESPONSE: We do not hold this information centrally, as it is managed at service/unit level. I can, however, inform you that many of our units do not use taxis for patients at all, and of those who do the numbers are small apart from our Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service who used taxis for 238 patient journeys in 2010/11. Also, in an effort to be helpful, I can inform you that in April 2010 funding for the East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) was transferred to the Primary Care Trusts, so they may hold the information relevant to their organisation. Information on how to make a request to EMAS can be found at:
<http://www.emas.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/>