

FOI REF: 24/051

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

Please can you indicate in the table in the attached Excel document which services, if any, your organisation procures and advise who currently provides that service. Please confirm:

- 1) **The current contract end date.**
- 2) **How many journeys are conducted per annum (including abortions, excluding cancelled).**
- 3) **The approximate spend per annum.**
- 4) **Please indicate how many months in the previous 12 they achieved their Inbound and Outbound KPI targets.**

Please see attached document and note that whilst the Trust holds the information requested in respect of the spend per annum, it is applying a Section 43(2) exemption in relation to this part of the request as the release of the information is likely to prejudice its commercial interests.

In applying the exemption consideration has been given to the public interest in enabling scrutiny of public sector decision making and the general public interest in accountability and transparency.

We have concluded that sharing commercials could disadvantage the incumbent supplier against their competitors. The information could provide competitors with the suppliers pricing, which could result in these suppliers obtaining a competitive advantage which could result in the Trust not obtaining best value for money.

In this instance, we consider that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than the public interest in disclosing the information.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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Services Procured	Current Provider	Contract End Date	Patient journeys per annum	Spend per annum	In the previous 12 months, how many times was KPI achieved?		
					INBOUND	OUT Outpatients	OUT Discharges
Non-emergency patient transport	Elite Medical & Ambulance Services Ltd	31/03/2025	We do not hold this information - Elite are engaged on a shift basis - no journey numbers specified.	Section 43(2) applied, please see letter	Not applicable - no KPI's.		
High Dependency	Please see above.	As above.					
Mental Health	No contract held - transport arranged as required.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Renal Dialysis	Not applicable to ESHT, Renal Dialysis is contracted as part of main PTS Service by Sussex ICB	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.	Not applicable.
Taxi Services – staff and/or patients	247 Transport Solutions	05/02/2026	243	Section 43(2) applied, please see letter	We do not record this information.		
Taxi Services – staff and/or patients	Eastbourne & Country Taxis Ltd	04/04/2026	364	Section 43(2) applied, please see letter			