

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

1. The amount spent on courier/taxi/non-patient transport services in each of the following financial years:
 - 2021-22 [£696k](#)
 - 2020-21 [£293k](#)
 - 2019-20 [£243k](#)
 - 2018-19 [£247k](#)
 - 2017-18 [£169k](#)
2. A breakdown of the amount spent on taxis and courier services by department (for example pathology, pharmacy, sterile services, medical records etc) in each of the following financial years:
 - 2021-22
 - 2020-21
 - 2019-20
 - 2018-19
 - 2017-18

[This is a centralised service, as such we are not in a position to identify usage by specific Trust departments, services or teams.](#)

3. A breakdown of the amount spent on taxis and courier services by reason for spend (for equipment, specimens, medicine etc) in each of the following financial years:
 - 2021-22
 - 2020-21
 - 2019-20
 - 2018-19
 - 2017-18

[Please note that the Trust does not hold this level of detail.](#)

4. The name of your courier/taxi/non-patient transport services suppliers

Non-Emergency Patient Transport Services (NEPTS)

[E-Zec Medical Transport Services Ltd for North Essex only.](#)

[For Mid and South Essex and West Essex non-emergency Transport is commissioned via the local CCGs.](#)

Patient Taxi services

North Essex

Minicab Services (Colchester) Ltd
AJs and Amber Taxis
Excellent Connections Ltd

West Essex

Lawlor Taxis Limited

Mid and South Essex

Tilbury Taxis
Wickford Taxis
Andrews Taxis
A&B Taxis
ABC Travel

Courier Services

ERS Medical

5. The annual value of your courier/taxi/non-patient transport services suppliers' contracts

Courier – £343,854

Non-Emergency PTS - £547,608

6. The expiry dates of your courier/taxi/non-patient transport services suppliers' contracts

Non-Emergency Patient Transport Services (NEPTS)

End Date: 30th September 2022

All Taxi contracts

End Date: 31st July 2021

Extended to: 31st July 2022

Courier Services

End Date: 28th February 2024

7. The name of the framework(s) used to procure your courier/taxi/non-patient transport services suppliers' contracts
None were procured via a framework, NEPTS and Courier services were procured via OJEU, taxi contracts are awarded locally based on a competitive quote process.

The Trust are currently finalising the North Essex NEPTS procurement via the East of England Procurement hub Dynamic Purchasing System for Non- Emergency Transport and other Transport Services.

8. The total cost of the courier/taxi/non-patient transport services that are not outsourced but are managed in-house
There are no services that are managed in-house.

9. The number of staff employed in managing the in-house contracts
There has not been an identified role to manage the in-house contracts within Estates and Facilities.
10. The number of vehicles either owned or leased to meet the in house courier requirements
The Trust do not use owned or leased vehicles for a courier service. It transferred to an external provider over a year ago.
11. The name(s) and email(s) of the person(s) responsible for the management of courier/taxi/non-patient transport services
Jamie Burrows, Trustwide Head of Administration
12. The name(s) and email(s) of the person(s) responsible for the procurement of courier/taxi/non-patient transport services
Chris Dicketts, Associate Director of Contracting (Interim)

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