

### Freedom of Information Request

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**Information Requested:**

Please can you advise on your annual spend in the last 3 years: 2021/2022, 2022/2023 and 2023/2024 on secure patient transport?

Based on paid invoices	2021/22 £k	2022/23 £k	2023/24 £k
Secure MH Transport	112	162	99

Please can you break the above down by company and spend.

The spend breakdown by supplier based on paid invoices for the last 3 financial years:

Supplier £k	21/22	22/23	23/24
AMBULANCE TRANSFERS LTD	-	-	5.4
DELTA MEDICAL SERVICES LTD (IN LIQUIDATION)	76.2	0.4	-
ERS TRANSITION (TRADING AS EMED GROUP LTD)	-	-	0.8
MARS SECURE TRANSPORT + RECRUITMENT SERVICE	33.9	86.3	1.9
SPECIALIST MEDICAL TRANSPORT AMBULANCE SERV.	1.5	75.5	90.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>162</b>	<b>99</b>

Please can you advise what due diligence checks you complete on these companies?

Review of policies and procedures, review of CQC inspections and overall CQC ratings and any concerns noted. Check of vehicle MOT status, requirement that ambulances should be no older than five years old. Staff must have appropriate training including Disengagement and Physical Intervention at BTEC Level 2 or Equivalent and Safe & Effective use of mechanical restraints at the same level. Staff should also have an enhanced DBS check for working on the Trusts ad-hoc secure patient transport contract. The Trust are currently preparing to test the market for Secure Patient Transport and due diligence checks will be undertaken as part of the procurement process for potential providers.

A FOI response from Northamptonshire Healthcare dated 27 December 2023 advised that the Trust had stopped using MARS Secure Transport due to "patient safety concerns" - please can you advise if you use MARS secure Transport (Company number 09855333). How do you monitor the safety of your patients when onboard with MARS secure transport?

The Trust does not contract with MARS Secure Transport, therefore this question is not applicable.

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