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Dear

Freedom of Information Act Request

I am writing in response to your e-mail of the 9th July 2024. Your request has been processed using the Trust's procedures for the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Requested information:

1. Are the Secure Mental Health Transport Services provided in your North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust region provided by an in-house or outsourced provider? **Outsourced**
2. What was the annual spend on Mental Health Transport Services in your North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust region over the past five years across both in-house and outsourced providers? What journey and passenger volumes were associated with this spend?
The Trust is applying Section 43 exemption to the above request; 'release of the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (A person may be an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity)'
3. What was the annual spend on Section 135 / 136 Transport Services in your North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare NHS Trust region over the past five years across both in-house and outsourced providers? What journey and passenger volumes were associated with this spend?
The Trust is applying Section 43 exemption to the above request; 'release of the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (A person may be an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity)'
4. If outsourced providers are used to deliver Secure Mental Health Transport Services in your region, please list the outsourced providers that are currently providing these services. Please also specify for each provider:
 - The start and end date of their current contract (not including any extensions)

Supplier	Start Date	Completion Date
Exclusive Secure Care Transport	06/04/2023	05/04/2024
E-Zec (Non-Urgent Patient Transport contract	01/06/2021	31/05/2025

- Whether there is an optional extension period and how long this extension period is. **We will be tendering our Secure patient transport Autumn 2024.**
- How many bidders participated in the last tender round for each contract. **Procured against the framework for our existing supplier.**

5. What is your budgeted spend on Mental Health Transport and Section 135/ 136 Transport in the financial years, 2023/24 and 2024/25?

The Trust is applying Section 43 exemption to this aspect of the request as release of the information is likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (A person may be an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity).

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review of the management of your request. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Dr Buki Adeyemo, Chief Executive, North Staffordshire Combined Healthcare Trust, Trust Headquarters, Lawton House, Bellringer Road, Trentham, ST4 8HH. If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely



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