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Thank you for your request concerning the trend in caring for patients with mental health issues.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

1. What plans are in place towards increasing the number of mental health beds across your trust and within what time frame?

Bed numbers are always subject to ongoing discussion with commissioners and may be increased in the next few years.

2. What is the total number of patients placed out of the area with a mental health diagnosis in the past year to date?

229 service users have been placed out of area with 256 different placements. This is because some service users have been placed more than once.

3. List of private mental health hospital providers which you are currently placing patients in their care (Hospital name /postcode) ?

Please see attached list. We have used 29 different providers in this finance year.

4. What Criteria/guidelines do you follow in selecting/commissioning Private transport services providers for non urgent/emergency patient transport?

NEPTS journeys are covered by our internal transport where possible. We do not formally commission any private service providers.

5. List of Private transport companies/independent ambulance services providers currently commissioned to transport patients to such facilities?

Please see the answer to question 4.

6. On average how much do you currently pay per trip for patient transportation to such facilities?

Payment would be on a case by case basis; dependent on the circumstance.

7. Are you currently accepting new firms?

Not applicable.

8. What is the typical contract length/agreement with Private transport companies/independent ambulance services ?

Not applicable.

9. What is the total amount spent in the last year to date on non-emergency patient transportation?

We are unable to provide the spend for non-emergency patient transportation. We have spend on all transport codes for the whole trust, split into service users staff taxis and other, but not into secure/non-emergency.

10. Mental health bed managers name/office/email/bleep contact details across the trust?

All our management contact details can be obtained through [Binley's Database of NHS Management¹](#).

11. Nominated individual /office/role responsible for receiving new tenders or commissioning new firms?

All our management contact details can be obtained through Binley's Database of NHS Management².

12. What is the Average frequency of non-emergency patient transportation books/week?

Our in-house SU transport for the period 01/12/21 until 01/04/22 was as below:

a)	Total days in period	121
b)	Total SU movements	5052
c)	Total SU average per day	42

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust's complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

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Information Rights Officer**

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click [here](#).



¹ Section 21 – Information is available through other means



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