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Our Ref: FOI/05058

Thank you for your request concerning purchase of private beds.

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

**Purchase of bed capacity in the private mental health sector:
We would like to know the following information for the past 5 calendar years (please break this down into 2019, 2020 etc).**

1. **The total contracted spend on private in-patient mental health beds by your trust.**
2. **The breakdown of the contracted spend on private in-patient mental health beds by your trust (how much has been spent on CAMHS, older adult, PICU, general adult etc).**
3. **The total non-contracted/ ad-hoc/ unplanned spend on private in-patient mental health beds by your trust.**
4. **The breakdown of the non-contracted/ ad-hoc/ unplanned spend on private in-patient mental health beds by your trust.**

We are unable to provide the spend on private in-patient mental health beds. All spend is contracted together whether on a block or spot basis and not separated into private versus other NHS beds.

In order to provide this breakdown would invoke S12 - cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit because we would need to manually go through every invoice¹.

However under Section 16 – Duty to provide advice and assistance we can provide you with the overall spend on beds.

£000	Adult MH Rehab	Adult MH Acute And PICU	Older Adults MH
23/24	8,473	16,204	4,384
22/23	7,186	14,974	3,191
21/22	6,185	62,134	5,800
20/21	6,133	20,904	1,515
19/20	5,745	13,693	246

¹ Section 12 - Cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit

Purchase of “Consultancy services”:

We would like to know the following information for the past 5 calendar years (please break this down into 2019, 2020 etc).

1. **Please give a breakdown of your total spend on “consultancy services” - providing information about company names, services provided, and any accountability/ efficiency reports created.**

Our Consultancy spend is already in the public domain. Please follow this [link](#) to our Annual Report².

It is not possible to provide you with the request breakdown into consultancy services due to the small numbers involved, therefore we have applied Exemption Section 40(2)³. This is because entries of 5 or less are considered sufficiently small enough to be potentially identifiable data. On this basis, this information is exempt from the duty to publish.

Spend on Private Finance Initiatives:

We would like to know the following information for the past 5 calendar years (please break this down into 2019, 2020 etc).

1. **Please give a breakdown of total spend on Private Finance Initiatives (both capital pay back, and also PFI interest payments).**
2. **Please state the end-date for all PFI payments (both capital pay back and also PFI interest payments).**
3. **Please state what the total PFI spend is estimated to be (both capital pay back and also PFI interest payments), when all repayments have been made.**

Not applicable.

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

**Sue Smith
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](#).

² Section 21 – Information is available through other means

³ Section 40(2) - Personal Data has been applied. This is because by releasing this information could identify individual(s) and constitute a breach of the Data Protection Act (2018).

