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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 200822.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

This is an information request relating to private ambulances.

Please include the information for each of the following periods; 2018-19, 2019-20 and April 2020 to present:

- **The total amount spent on private services.**

Values rounded to the nearest £

Years	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21*
Amount	£ 9,210,426	£ 11,183,997	£ 3,955,587

**Month 4 YTD (Apr-Jul 2020) value taken*

- **The cost of each contract providing ambulatory services.**

We are unable to provide this information under article 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (Commercial Interests).

Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

- The number of patients who received medical care from private ambulance companies.

	Nos of incidents with a private ambulance response.	Total Incidents with a response	
2018-19	58168	777662	7%
2019-20	60730	713036	9%
2020-21	25252	299598	8%

- Values provided for 2020-21, are from the 1st April 2020 to the 31st August 2020.
- Values provided are for incidents where a private ambulance has arrived at scene.
- Responses- defined as incidents where at least one resource has arrived on scene.
- Private ambulances may have attended these incidents alongside our crews.

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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