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Dear,

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I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 230722.

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

I'm writing to request some information about the Trust's use of third-party ambulance services, for Patient Transport including Non-Emergency Patient Transport.

In particular I'd be grateful to know:-

1. In the last financial year, what third-party ambulance services were used (if any)? If possible please to include private, charitable, and supply under agreements/memorandums with other public bodies.

2. What was the total £/p expenditure with each of those services during the year?

3. Does the Trust use a Framework Agreement, Dynamic Purchasing System or similar to call off ambulance services?

3a. If so, please confirm where the tender notice(s) and procurement documents are available - e.g. a link to the notice(s) on Contracts Finder, or a procurement body's website such as the CCS or LPP.

If it may help to have further background:- The Care Quality Commission currently lists 344 registered ambulance services, including the NHS Ambulance Trusts in England However only around 15-20 of these are visible on the Ambulance Trusts' published transparency data for expenditure > £25,000 So I'm interested to find out if providers which are smaller, local or single-vehicle get sufficient access to the frameworks

The Trust does not provide any PTS or NEPTS services, however third-party ambulance providers are contracted to provide front-line clinician led services only.

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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