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Email:

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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/07/40.

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

Can you please tell me how much the trust spends on taxis?

I would like to know the total spend in each individual financial year from 2011/12 up until the most recent year for which you have figures available.

If possible, can you break down the figures to give the spend on taxis for any Patient Transport Service contracts? Can you also say how many of these contracts you have?

The amount we have spent on Taxi's from 2011 – 2016 has already been answered in a previous FOI and can be found on the following link:

http://www.secamb.nhs.uk/contact_us/freedom_of_information_request/foi_disclosure_log.aspx?cat=416&pageNum=19

The Trust spent £336k on Taxis in the financial year of 2016/17. £331k was spent on the PTS Contract and the rest was on transporting 999 patients and trust staff when appropriate. We make use of approved taxi companies to convey patients at times of peak demand where there is no medical need for an assessment at scene or ongoing clinical care when a patient is being transported to hospital.

The trust had 2 PTS contracts during these periods. However, we currently do not have any PTS contracts.

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, Information Governance Manager via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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