

Freedom of Information request 316-17

Request & Response

- To provide under FOI legislation, a list of private providers used, the procedures being acquired, the number of procedures of each and the cost of each from 2015/16 to current year.

Hospital Location	Specialty	2015'16	2016'17
Glasgow Nuffield	ENT	0	0
	General Surgery	11	0
	Gynaecology	0	0
	Ophthalmology	0	0
	Oral Surgery	0	0
	Orthopaedics	63	<5
	Urology	0	0
Murrayfield	ENT	0	0
	General Surgery	0	0
	Gynaecology	0	<5
	Ophthalmology	0	0
	Oral Surgery	0	0
	Orthopaedics	5	0
Ross Hall	ENT	0	0
	General Surgery	<5	0
	Ophthalmology	0	0
	Oral Surgery	19	0
	Orthopaedics	0	0

We are unable to provide the cost of each procedure as this information is not available on our systems. However, please find the total spent on private procedures during each of the associated financial years:

Nuffield 2015/16 spend £344,785 and 2016/17 spend £4,447
Murrayfield 2015/16 spend £32,318 and 2016/17 spend £8,135
Ross Hall 2015/16 spend £25,223 and 2016/17 £nil

- To provide under FOI legislation, a list of all private procedures acquired at individual cost and also what the same procedure would cost under the NHS:

The cost of the same activity has not been provided under the NHS. This is not possible to provide as there is no one costing model within the NHS therefore depending on provider the cost would vary.

Summary of ECR private providers	2015/16		2016/17	
	Number of patients	Cost of treatment recorded in year	Number of patients	Cost of treatment recorded in year
Mental Health assessment & inpatient	<5	£261,359	<5	£327,246
Dermatology	7	£8,246	7	£9,143
Intermittent haemodialysis	<5	£1,160	<5	£2,982
Diagnostics	<5	£1,300	0	£0

Obstetrics	<5	£1,120	0	£0
Learning disability assessment & inpatient	<5	£466,305	<5	£257,701
Total in each year	20	£739,490	16	£597,072

Assumptions are that:

Private treatment means hospital care and not a patients long term residential placement

Excludes charities providing placement care.

The cost given is the cost recorded within the ledger in year end accounts that are specific to the private provider.

If you are not satisfied with the way your request has been handled or the decision given, you may ask NHS Borders to review its actions and the decision. If you would like to request a review please apply in writing to, Freedom of Information Review, NHS Borders, Room 2EC3, Education Centre, Borders General Hospital, Melrose, TD6 9BS or foi.enquiries@borders.scot.nhs.uk.

The request for a review should include your name and address for correspondence, the request for information to which the request relates and the issue which you wish to be reviewed. Please state the reference number **316-17** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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