

Freedom of Information request 87-21

Request

Question 1) How much was spent/paid to Independent hospitals or surgeries within your health board in:

- a) 2017/18;
- b) 2018/19;
- c) 2019/20; and
- d) 2020 to date

Question 2) How much was spent/paid to services outside of Scotland but within the United Kingdom in:

- a) 2017/18;
- b) 2018/19;
- c) 2019/20; and
- d) 2020 to date

Question 3) How much was spent paid to services outside of the UK in:

- a) 2017/18;
- b) 2018/19;
- c) 2019/20; and
- d) 2020 to date

Clarification Received:

Yes. Specifically, we are seeking details of any medical services (so treatments/surgeries etc) to provide patient care that your health board had to pay a third party for.

Response

Q1.

Source	Type of Treatment	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 (Est.to Feb)	Grand Total £
Waiting Times	Elective	57,633	217,473	435,083	13,680	723,869
ECR	Elective	48,199	37,370	88,084	28,643	202,296
ECR	Emergency				15,744	15,744
ECR	MH or LD Placement	811,180	1,173,357	1,677,963	1,816,528	5,479,029
Grand Total		917,012	1,428,200	2,201,130	1,874,595	6,420,938

Note: Costs are taken from associated recorded invoices received by each provider; for ECRs an estimate for Feb 21 has been used where no invoice has been received for a known placement.

Patients seen by independent providers are referred through waiting times initiatives or by individual patient request through NHS Borders Extra Contractual Referral (ECR) process.

Within ECR requests patients with high cost complex needs for mental health or learning disability placements have been included but identified separately to acute care. These patients are receiving treatment within an independent hospital provider for specialist complex needs. Independent providers included are private hospitals/clinics or charity run organisation's (this does not include long term residential placements where the placement is considered the patient's long term home).

Q2.

Source	Type of Treatment	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 (Est. to Feb)	Grand Total
Waiting Times	Elective	0	51,785	263,641	328,522	643,948
ECR	Elective	12,412	3,434	5,304	2,783	23,933
ECR	MH or LD Placement	613,383	973,920	1,369,008	1,283,791	4,240,102
Grand Total		625,795	1,029,139	1,637,953	1,615,096	4,907,983

Notes: Assuming Independent means all Private and Charity (Non NHS) and treatment means hospital care and a patient's long term residential placement.

Costs are recorded from associated invoices received by each provider; an estimate for Feb 21 has been used where no invoice has been received for a known placement.

Q3.

Source	Type of Treatment	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21 (Est. to Feb)	Grand Total
	Elective	1,536	1,700	4,497	-	7,733
Grand Total		1,536	1,700	4,497	-	7,733

Notes: Assuming Independent means all Private and Charity (Non NHS) and treatment means hospital care and not a patient's long term residential placement.

Costs are recorded from associated invoices received by each provider; an estimate for Feb 21 has been used where no invoice has been received for a known placement.

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