

Freedom of Information request 589-22

Request

Could you please advise how much the health board has spent on private ambulance companies since the 1st of April 2019?

If possible, could you please break down the information as follows:

- 1) The total spend on private ambulance firms per year since the 1st of April 2019, broken down by company per year.
- 2) Whether or not these companies are providing patient transport or emergency ambulance response.
- 3) The value and duration of each contract placed in the above timeframe and if possible, a copy of the contract award document.
- 4) The number of journeys undertaken on behalf of the board by the companies, broken down by year

Response

1. Please find below the amount spent on private ambulance firms since 1 April 2019:

Supplier & Financial Year	Spend
Abc Ambulance Services Ltd	
2019	97,637.70
2020	7,363.75
2021	3,368.75
2022	937.50
Beverley Ambulance Service Limited	
2021	1,160.00
Grand Total	110,467.70

2. The use of private ambulance firms are for providing patient transport.
3. NHS Borders do not have a contract with private ambulance services.
4. NHS Borders Finance does not collate the data requested, we would only record the total invoice cost and not the number of times used. Therefore under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002 this data is not held.

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 **589-22** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

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