

Freedom of Information request 297-23

Request

1. Can I ask how what is the NHS board/trust's total spend on private ambulances so far in 2023, in 2022, 2021, 2020 and in 2010, 2011 and 2012. Can this please be broken down by ambulance supplier.
2. How much of that spend NHS board/trust's total spend on private ambulances in these years will be for the provision of patient transport?
3. How much of that spend is on providing emergency cover in each of the years.
4. How much of the spend is on Blue Light Emergency Ambulances.

Response

1. The spend on private ambulances can only be detailed from April 2012 onwards as we do not hold the information prior to that date, therefore January – March of 2012 as well as 2010 and 2011 are all not held under Section 17 of the FOI(S)A 2002:

We hold no data yet for 2023/24.

	2012	2013	2020	2021	2022
ABC Ambulance Service	£48,926	£28,525	£7,364	£2,419	£1,888
Beverly Ambulance Service	-	-	-	£1,160	-

2. All of the spend was on the provision of patient transport

3&4 There was no provision for emergency services provided by private ambulances, nor is any of the spend related to Blue light emergency ambulances.

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 **297-23** on this request. Your request should be made within 40 working days from receipt of this letter.

If following this review, you remain dissatisfied with the outcome, you may appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner and request an investigation of your complaint. Your request to the Scottish Information Commissioner should be in writing (or other permanent form), stating your name and an address for correspondence. You should provide the details of the request and your reasons for dissatisfaction with both the original response by NHS Borders and your reasons for dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal review. Your application for an investigation by the Scottish Information Commissioner must be made within

six months of your receipt of the response with which you are dissatisfied. The address for the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner is, Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife.