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Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 23-A-038**

You asked:

I am writing to obtain the following details in relation to your use of couriers, taxis, and non-patient transport services please:

1. The amount spent on courier/taxi/non-patient transport services in each of the following financial years:

2021-22

Taxis - £503,579

Couriers and Non-patient transport services - £548,607 per annum

2020-21

Taxis - £276,899

Couriers and Non-patient transport services - £548,607 per annum

2019-20

Taxis - £187,966

Couriers and Non-patient transport services - £548,607 per annum

2018-19

Taxis – I can confirm that the information you are seeking is held on our Disclosure Log on our website. Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act (information accessible by other means), we are not required to provide information in response to a request if the information is already reasonably accessible to you. May I therefore recommend that you look at this link to our disclosure log, which contains details of where you can obtain the information you require:

<https://sbuhb.nhs.wales/files/freedom-of-information-disclosure-log-2022/september/22-i-005-taxi-journeys-amp-expenditure/>

Couriers and non-patient transport services – Information not held prior to 2019/20.

2017-18

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2. A breakdown of the amount spent on taxis and courier services by department (for example pathology, pharmacy, sterile services, medical records etc) in each of the following financial years:

- **2021-22**
- **2020-21**
- **2019-20**
- **2018-19**
- **2017-18**

I can confirm that this information is not held centrally. To obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of individual invoices which we have estimated would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI Act as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOI Act and The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulation 2004 provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time

3. A breakdown of the amount spent on taxis and courier services by reason for spend (for equipment, specimens, medicine etc) in each of the following financial years:

- **2021-22**
- **2020-21**
- **2019-20**
- **2018-19**
- **2017-18**

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4. The name of your courier/taxi/non-patient transport services suppliers

Taxis - Data Cabs



Couriers – NHS Health Courier Services
Non-patient transport services – NHS Health Courier Services

5. The annual value of your courier/taxi/non-patient transport services suppliers' contracts

Taxis – No annual value set, as this varies
Couriers - No annual value set, as this varies
Non-patient transport services - No annual value set, as this varies

6. The expiry dates of your courier/taxi/non-patient transport services suppliers' contracts

Taxis – 23-1-23 – this has been extended for 6 months
Couriers - Ongoing
Non-patient transport services - Ongoing

7. The name of the framework(s) used to procure your courier/taxi/non-patient transport services suppliers' contracts

Taxis - NPS or Crown Commercial Frameworks
Couriers – Part of NHS Wales
Non-patient transport services – Part of NHS Wales

8. The total cost of the courier/taxi/non-patient transport services that are not outsourced but are managed in-house

I can confirm that the Health Board does not operate any in-house courier/taxi/non-patient transport services.

9. The number of staff employed in managing the in-house contracts

See Question 8.

10. The number of vehicles either owned or leased to meet the in house courier requirements

See Question 8.

11. The name(s) and email(s) of the person(s) responsible for the management of courier/taxi/non-patient transport services

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12. The name(s) and email(s) of the person(s) responsible for the procurement of courier/taxi/non-patient transport services

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