

Taxis and PTS

Request

Please could you let me know the answer to the questions below relating to the Trust's taxi and patient transport services.

1. Taxis

- a. Who currently provides the Trust's taxi service?
- b. What is the Trust's annual spend on all taxi services?
- c. Who is responsible for managing this service and what are their phone, email and postal contact details?
- d. How do you advertise this service for competitive tender, when did this last take place and when will it next be undertaken?

2. Patient Transport Services (PTS)

- a. Who currently provides the Trust's PTS service?
- b. What is the Trust's annual spend on PTS?
- c. Who is responsible for managing this service and what are their phone, email and postal contact details?
- d. How do you advertise this service for competitive tender, when did this last take place and when will it next be undertaken?

Our Response

1. Taxis

- a. Who currently provides the Trust's taxi service?
OUR RESPONSE: Swifts Taxis and Highfields Taxis
- b. What is the Trust's annual spend on all taxi services?
OUR RESPONSE: Total spend £112,000

- c. Who is responsible for managing this service and what are their phone, email and postal contact details?

OUR RESPONSE: Contractual and purchase orders are managed through the Procurement department. Please contact: Jeremy Pewton, Acting Head of Procurement, Leicestershire and Rutland Procurement Partnership, Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust, Trust HQ, Daisy Peake Building, Gipsy Lane, Leicester LE5 0TD

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- d. How do you advertise this service for competitive tender, when did this last take place and when will it next be undertaken?

OUR RESPONSE: This service is advertised through the OJEU (Official Journal of the European Union). The next competitive tender exercise will take place through 2011/2012.

2. Patient Transport Services (PTS)

a. Who currently provides the Trust's PTS service?

OUR RESPONSE: We use volunteer drivers and until April 2010 this was also provided by East Midlands Ambulance Service. Since April 2010 the funding was given back to the Primary Care Trusts (PCTs).

b. What is the Trust's annual spend on PTS?

OUR RESPONSE: Cost of Volunteer Drivers 2010/11 was £112,000 (coincidentally same as Taxis). All costs relating to Ambulances are paid directly by the PCTs; we do not hold this information.

c. Who is responsible for managing this service and what are their phone, email and postal contact details?

OUR RESPONSE: Volunteer Drivers are managed by: David Black, David.Black@leicspart.nhs.uk, and Jennnifer Leddy, Jennifer.Leddy@leicspart.nhs.uk, based at: Bradgate Unit, Glenfield Hospital, Groby Road, Leicester LE3 9DY
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d. How do you advertise this service for competitive tender, when did this last take place and when will it next be undertaken?

OUR RESPONSE: Not applicable.