

## Freedom of Information Request

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### Information Requested:

1. How many private patient beds does your trust currently have in each of the following settings?
  - a. A dedicated private patient unit [N/A](#)
  - b. Private patient wards [N/A](#)
  - c. Other private beds eg. on or near NHS wards [N/A](#)
2. What is the total number of private beds currently designated for self-pay patients? [7](#)
3. Are NHS patients ever allocated private beds? [N/A](#)

If so, what proportion of private bed days would be taken up in this way (2018/19)? [N/A](#)

4. Please state the total annual cost to your NHS Trust in providing self-pay treatment in 2018/19. [N/A](#)
5. Please state the total amount billed for provision of private treatment in 2018/19 to:
  - a. self-pay patients [N/A](#)
  - b. private health insurer(s) [N/A](#)
6. Please state the amount received as a result of this billing in each case. [The Trust believes that this information is of commercial interest and may prejudice either the supplier or the Trust. The Trust is therefore applying Section 43 of the Act \(Commercial Interests\):](#)

#### **Section 43: Commercial interests**

- (1) Information is exempt information if it constitutes a trade secret.
  - (2) Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to; prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).
  - (3) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would, or would be likely to, prejudice the interests mentioned in subsection (2).
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