

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

I am writing in relation to Secure Mental Health Transport Services in your Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust and seeking to understand:

Whether services are provided by in-house or outsourced providers.

- The annual spend of your Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust region on Secure Mental Health Transport Services.
[The annual spend for the most recent financial year 2023/24 was £123k.](#)
- Who your current outsourced providers are and the duration of their current contracts.
[Ambulance Transfers Ltd](#)
[Specialist Medical Transport Ltd](#)
[EMED Group](#)

[Current contracts expire in December 2024 and the trust is currently undertaking a new procurement process for a contract commencing in January 2025](#)
- Your forward-looking budget for Secure Mental Health Transport Services
[The annual budget is £230k.](#)

This request is related to Secure Mental Health Transport Services. This is defined as:

- Mental Health Transport: Transport services provided for individuals requiring secure mental health transportation (from high to low secure psychiatric settings), including court escorts, attendance for hearings, transports to and from prisons, police stations, A&E departments and outpatient appointments.
- Section 135 / 136: Transport services provided for individuals being transported from the community to other settings under sections 135 or 136 of the Mental Health Act.

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