

## Freedom of Information Request

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**Information Requested:**

What is the furthest that a patient under the care of your trust has been sent (in miles) for an inappropriate out of area placement in each of the following years, and the name of the receiving provider to which they were sent:

- a) 2022
- b) 2021
- c) 2020
- d) 2019
- e) 2018

In line with other NHS trusts nationally, demand for inpatient mental health care has increased. The care and safety of our patients remains our number one concern. However there are a limited number of beds available and at times we have to work with partners across the health care sector to offer alternative care to meet patient needs. The Trust has a comprehensive action plan in place to significantly reduce out of area placements.

Year	Distance in Miles	Provider
2018	294.4	Priory Hospital Cheadle Royal Cheshire
2019	241.4	Priory Hospital Altrincham Cheshire
2020	264.1	Priory Hospital Middleton St George Darlington
2021	270.7	Cygnets Victoria House Darlington
2022	320.7	Cygnets Hospital Hexham

Please note mileage is calculated as the crow flies from the patients' home address to their OOA Placement destination.

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