

Freedom of Information Request

Reference Number: EPUT.FOI.24.3347
Date Received: 31st of January 2024

Information Requested:

Please can you provide?

1. Please can you inform me whether the private carpark management firms that manage your NHS hospital carparks pay you (the NHS Trust) to manage your hospital carparks, or whether you (the NHS Trust) pay the private carpark management firms to manage your hospital carparks?

The Trust believes that this information is publicly available on the <https://eput.nhs.uk/media/gapkn5oj/eput-foi-24-3300.pdf> website and therefore is applying a Section 21 exemption of the Act (Information accessible to applicant by other means):

2. If private carpark management firms pay you (the NHS Trust) to manage your hospital carparks, please can you inform me how much the private carpark management firms paid you (the NHS Trust) to manage their hospital carparks over the 2022/2023 calendar year?

N/A

3. If you (the NHS Trust) pay private carpark management firms to manage your hospital carparks, please can you break down (per hospital carpark) how much the private car management firms were paid to manage your NHS hospital carparks over the 2022/2023 calendar year?

N/A

Section 21: Information accessible to applicant by other means.

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and

(b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to

communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

As part of the Freedom of Information Act all public organisations are required to proactively publish certain classes of information on a Publication Scheme. A publication scheme is a guide to the information that is held by the organisation. EPUT's Publication Scheme is located on its Website at the following link <https://eput.nhs.uk>