

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

Would you mind double checking the response to the question on outsourcing? It doesn't look like the trust's use of private providers for inpatient beds has been included.

Can I include Out of Area placements in scope of this request?

Like other NHS organisations nationally, we are experiencing an increased demand for our services following the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and other social factors. We have comprehensive action plans in place to reduce out of area placements and are making significant progress - monthly out of area placements have more than halved since January 2023.

However, like all healthcare providers, we have a limited number of beds available so, at times, working with our partners, we have to offer alternative care to ensure patients receive the timely and appropriate support they need. This can be admission to another hospital or care provider, taking into account the views and needs of patients and their loved ones and carers and putting patient safety first.

The spend on Private Providers for Inpatient beds as per below table.

Financial Year	£				
2021.22	4,366,450				
2022.23	4,272,867				
*This excludes Provider Collaborative arrangements					

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