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Freedom of Information Act Disclosure log - Reply Extract

You asked

We would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for figures relating to NHS spending on outsourcing care of NHS patients and NHS procedures to private hospitals or private care providers

We would like to know:

How many NHS patients have been sent to private care by this Trust at the cost of the NHS in in each financial year since 2011?

Year	Admitted		Outpatient		Total	
	Patients	Cost	Patients	Cost	Patients	Cost
2011-12	417	496,266	387	57,894	804	554,160
2012-13	Information on category of patients not available				238	275,703
2013-14	258	369,021	70	30,886	328	399,906
2014-15	1,270	1,762,846	8	736	1,278	1,763,582
2015-16	1,219	3,648,969	Five or fewer	229	1,221	3,649,198

- 1. How much has been spent by this Trust on outsourcing treatment of patient to private companies in each financial year since 2011?**

Please refer to the table above.

- 2. How many beds in total are there in your Trust's facilities?**

As at 01 January 2017, the Trust has 950 beds.

- 3. How many of these hospital beds are private?**

The Trust does not have any dedicated private beds. However, the Trust does have 10 upgraded side rooms that are used as part of the management plan for private admissions if they are not required by priority NHS patients.

Legal notes

Plymouth Hospitals NHS Trust is confirming in accordance with section 1 (a) of the Act that it holds the information requested and is supplying it in accordance with section 1(b) unless otherwise specified.

Please find the answers to your questions noting that we have redacted the data set where numbers are five or fewer. This avoids a breach of the first two Data Protection Act principles. This is in accordance with section 40.-(2)(a) and (b) by virtue of section 40.-(3)(a)(i), the personal information exemption as described in the Freedom of Information Act. A detailed rationale is provided in the attached document L3.

Attachments included: Yes –L3