

FOI 0466/2024 Response

Purchase of bed capacity in the private mental health sector:

We would like to know the following information for the past 5 calendar years (please break this down into 2019, 2020 etc).

1. The total contracted spend on private in-patient mental health beds by your trust.
2. The breakdown of the contracted spend on private in-patient mental health beds by your trust (how much has been spent on CAMHS, older adult, PICU, general adult etc).
3. The total non-contracted/ ad-hoc/ unplanned spend on private in-patient mental health beds by your trust.
4. The breakdown of the non-contracted/ ad-hoc/ unplanned spend on private in-patient mental health beds by your trust.

For question 1 and 3 please see the table below and note the following:

- Contracted = BLOCK and Non-contracted = SPOT spend.
- The financial value associated with the contracted / block arrangements vary due to the timing of invoice payments – the annual (based on financial year) contract value is £5.2m and the payments across the three years are consistent with this value.
- The data includes both appropriate and inappropriate patients placed outside of the Trust.
- The Trust can only provide data from 2021. This is because prior to 2021, the financial responsibility for out of area placements laid with Birmingham and Solihull Clinical Commissioning Groups (BSOL CCG) and therefore, we would not hold any data for 2019 - 2020.
- From 2021 the financial responsibility for out of area placements for Adult mental health Acute and Psychiatric Intensive Care Units (PICU) lays with BSMHFT.
- The data provided below does not include any Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) spend.
- BSMHFT is not responsible for the costs associated with placements for 18-25 years olds within Birmingham. This responsibility lays with Forward Thinking Birmingham which is hosted by Birmingham Women's and Children's Trust.
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Calendar Year	SPOT	BLOCK	
2019	-	-	
2020	-	-	
2021	£ 286,649	£ 6,267,623	
2022	£ 4,104,213	£ 4,196,450	
2023	£ 10,285,894	£ 5,149,226	
	£ 14,676,756	£ 15,613,299	

Please note that the Trust is unable to provide a response to question 2 and 4.

This is because obtaining the level of detail requested requires manual and exhaustive efforts that exceeds the threshold to complete this task.

The Trust therefore, rely on exemption Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to deny this aspect of your request.

Purchase of “Consultancy services”:

We would like to know the following information for the past 5 calendar years (please break this down into 2019, 2020 etc).

5. Please give a breakdown of your total spend on “consultancy services” - providing information about company names, services provided, and any accountability/ efficiency reports created.

The Trust is unable to provide a response to this query.

This is because the information is not recorded in the requested format and would require exhaustive and manual measures to collate, exceeding the threshold to complete this task.

The Trust therefore, rely on exemption Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to deny this aspect of your request.

However, if you wish to know the expenditure on consultancy services, please refer to the link below, which will direct you the Trust’s Annual Report 2022 – 23, where the spend data can be found on page 99.

Link: [Annual reports and quality accounts - Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust \(bsmhft.nhs.uk\)](https://www.bsmhft.nhs.uk/annual-reports-and-quality-accounts)

Spend on Private Finance Initiatives:

We would like to know the following information for the past 5 calendar years (please break this down into 2019, 2020 etc).

6. Please give a breakdown of total spend on Private Finance Initiatives (both capital pay back, and also PFI interest payments).

7. Please state the end-date for all PFI payments (both capital pay back and also PFI interest payments).

8. Please state what the total PFI spend is estimated to be (both capital pay back and also PFI interest payments), when all repayments have been made.

The Trust is unable to provide a response to question 6-8.

This is because the requested information pertains to granular details which are part of the current PFI contract.

Disclosure of the requested information will therefore place the current PFI providers at a disadvantage if they were to ever bid for any PFI related services.

The Trust therefore, rely on exemption Section 43 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to deny this aspect of your request.

However, if you wish to know PFI related expenditure, please refer to the link below, which will direct you the Trust's Annual Report 2022 – 23, where the spend data can be found on page 179-180.

Link: [Annual reports and quality accounts - Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust \(bsmhft.nhs.uk\)](https://www.bsmhft.nhs.uk/annual-reports-and-quality-accounts)