

## FOI 0550/2024 Request

**Clarification: private in patients beds is in relation to patients that have been placed at an inpatient bed not in a Devon Partnership NHS Trust bed. Often, this is with a private provider to due slack of beds available at the time of need in the Trust.**

**What is:**

**(a) your overall spend on private inpatient beds in each of the last 10 years;**

Please note:

- BSMHFT have been responsible for the funding of private inpatient beds for the last 4 years and therefore, do not have data covering the requested time period.
- For the financial year 2023/24 the Trust is unable to provide the actual spend and can only share the forecast position until year end is finalised.
- Below figures includes both Spot and Block purchased beds for each of the financial years.

<b>Financial Year</b>	<b>Overall Spend on Private Inpatient Beds £</b>	<b>Basis</b>
2019/20	-	-
2020/21	3,362,987	Actual
2021/22	5,503,448	Actual
2022/23	9,363,382	Actual
2023/24	18,100,000	Forecast

**(b) the most you have spent on private inpatient beds per patient in each of the last 10 years;**

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

This is because the requested information is not readily recorded within our systems, and will require the Trust to search and analyse a large cohort of data to obtain the required information.

This therefore, exceeds the threshold to complete this task and the Trust rely on exemption Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, to deny this aspect of your request.

**(c) the number of patients who have been sent to private inpatient beds in each of the last 10 years.**

Please note:

- We have based the figures on the year a patient was admitted. For example, if a patient were admitted in December 2022 and remained in a private bed into 2023, that admission would be counted once under 2022.

- We only have reliable information from 2017 and therefore, we are unable to provide data for the requested timeframe.
- Data provided for 2020 includes 46 COVID related admissions

Year	Total No. of Clients
2017	134
2018	182
2019	356
2020	437*
2021	226
2022	247
2023	286