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Re: Freedom of Information Request - Mental Health

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on the 24th November 2021.

You Asked for:

1. What plans are in place towards increasing the number of mental health beds in your locality and within what time frame?
2. What is the total number of patients placed out of the area with a mental health diagnosis in the past year to date?
3. List of private mental health hospital providers which you are currently placing patients in their care?
4. What Criteria/guidelines do you follow in selecting/commissioning Private transport services providers?
5. List of Private transport companies/independent ambulance services providers currently commissioned to transport patients to such facilities?
6. On average how much do you currently pay per trip for patient transportation to such facilities?
7. Are you currently accepting new firms? What is the typical contract length/agreement with Private transport companies/independent ambulance services?
8. What is the total amount spent in the last year to date on patient transportation?

Our Response:

1. Since the onset of the COVID-19 Pandemic and subsequent Government restrictions, a further 13 acute Mental Health inpatient beds have been made available to accommodate the surge in demand in this area for both Wirral and Cheshire patients. The focus for the coming years is investment in prevention and early intervention and transformation of community and crisis services.
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3. Please see below:
 - Cygnet Delfryn Lodge, CH7 6FQ
 - Transitional Rehabilitation Unit, WA12 0HW
 - Lea Court Hospital, WA5 0EZ
 - Gateway to Recovery Centre, WA8 0GT
 - John Munroe Hospital, ST13 8RU
 - Kneesworth House, SG8 5JP

- Coed Du Hall, CH7 5HA
 - St Augustines Hospital, ST1 5JY
 - St Davids Hospital, LL21 9BG
 - Langford Centre, TN40 2JE
 - Ty Grosvenor, LL11 1BU
 - Ballington House, ST13 5LW
 - Springwood Lodge, LS20 9PQ
4. NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) does not commission any private ambulance providers. Private ambulance transport for adhoc journeys are booked by the local acute hospital/mental health trust. Funding must be approved by the CCG before a booking is made.
 5. NHS Wirral CCG does not commission any private ambulance providers. Journeys are booked with private ambulance providers on an adhoc basis if the journey cannot be fulfilled by the CCG's contracted ambulance providers, North West Ambulance Service, and West Midlands Ambulance Service.
 6. The fee is dependent on distance travelled and how many staff are required for the journey. This is bespoke to the patient's clinical needs.
 7. NHS Wirral CCG does not contract directly with private ambulance providers.
 8. Please see the table below:

	21/22 M8 Position			
Provider	Budget	Actual	Variance	Contract Type
North West Ambulance Service	£9,513,382	£9,513,382	£0.	Block Contract
West Midlands Ambulance Service	£1,651,612	£1,651,612	£0.	Block Contract
Non Contracted PTS	£18,097	£36,021	£17,924	Cost Per Case
	£11,183,091	£11,201,015	£17,924	

We hope this information is useful, however, if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team, (contact details at the top of this letter).

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