

## Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

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I would like to make an FOI request for the following information regarding Doncaster and Bassetlaw NHS trusts use of transport companies for transporting medical supplies, equipment and samples (such as blood) please:

- 1) Who do they contract with and when (e.g. weekends, bank holidays etc)?

**The DBTH NHS FT service provision for movement of medical supplies, equipment and samples/specimen is delivered by our own internal NHS courier services. The only exception to this is the use of contract taxis utilised to transfer specimens outside core operating times.**

- 2) How much per journey/per hour/per mile does this company/companies charge? Please specify if this rate is different at weekends, bank holidays or at night.

**The current taxi tariff charged is £1.40/mile**

- 3) How many journeys have been made in the last year?

**730**

- 4) What is the total 2019/20 expenditure for transporting medical supplies, equipment and samples?

**Costing information relating to this service for the whole of the Trust can be deemed commercially sensitive, in that any future procurement initiative could be potentially compromised should a competitive tendering exercise be undertaken**

- 5) What medical supplies, equipment and samples are most commonly transported?

**Specimens**

- 6) How many journeys are made on an average weekend?

**6 – Contract Taxis**

- 7) How many of these weekend journeys are between the hours of 7pm and 9am?

**4 – Contract taxis**

- 8) How many of these journeys were emergency/blue light journeys?

**None**