



Freedom of Information Request

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Question

I would like to know:

I am looking for information regarding the use of the private sector in patient transport by the Scottish Ambulance Service. As such, can I request the following for the last five financial years (2018/19, 19/20, 20/21, 21/22 and 22/23):

1. The number of tenders/contracts awarded to private providers for the delivery of patient transport?
2. The name of each private provider.
3. The length of each tender/contract and the total cost? 4. A description of the service provided for each tender/description?

Answer

Please see table below. NHS Scotland Health Board contracted taxi service providers used for the transportation of patients as follows; The service for the majority (as noted) only commenced in earnest this calendar year.

These are suppliers that have passed due diligence via a formal public sector procurement route and are compliant with all appropriate security and indemnity insurance requirements.

Company	Area	Receipted spend from Jan 2021 to Dec 2021	Receipted spend from Jan 2022 to Sep 2022
Aberdeen taxis Ltd	Aberdeen City and Environs	£1,889.00	£5,360.00
ComCab Ltd	Aberdeen City and Environs	£0.00	£0.00
Central Taxis	Aberdeen City and Environs	£0.00	£0.00
Rainbow City Taxis	Aberdeen City and Environs	£0.00	£0.00
A&A Taxis	Ayrshire and Arran	£363.76	£2,355.22
Central Taxis	Edinburgh and Lothians	£0.00	£11,779.00
Greater Glasgow and Clyde	Greater Glasgow and Clyde	£0.00	£3,452.00
Penny Cars	Lanarkshire	£0.00	£3,738.00
East Kilbride Taxi Owners Association	Lanarkshire	£0.00	£6,496.00
Perth Radio Taxis Ltd	Perth	£0.00	£465.00
Tayside Tele Taxis	Tayside	£0.00	£1,521.00
Express Taxis	Forth Valley	£0.00	£62.00
Alpha Taxis	Inverurie and Environs	£0.00	£0.00
Mcleans Taxis	Stranraer	£0.00	0

Totals: £2,252.76 £35,228.22