

Dumfries and Galloway NHS Board

Chief Executive's Office Freedom of Information

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

In response to your Freedom of Information request I cannot divulge the prices agreed per journey or mile because as per section 36 (Confidentiality) of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, we believe this would constitute an actionable breach of confidence. We have come to this conclusion because the pricing information was submitted to ourselves on a confidential basis by all suppliers involved in the tender process and on checking with the winning bidder of the new contract entered into in 2015, they are not willing to allow us to share detailed pricing information because they feel that to do so would be harmful to their commercial interests.

What we can supply you with is the total spend for –

2013/14 = approx £200,000

2014/15 = approx £270,000

These costs include approx:

60% journeys out with the area of which a large proportion of patient journeys to the Golden Jubilee Hospital 40% within Dumfries & Galloway of which a large proportion are Renal patient journeys.

Under section 20 (1) of the Act, if you are dissatisfied with the way NHS Dumfries and Galloway has dealt with your request, you have a right to request a review of our actions and decisions in relation to your request, and you have a right to appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

A request for review must be made within forty working days from 31 July 2015 and should, in the first instance, be in writing to Jeff Ace, Chief Executive, NHS Dumfries and Galloway, Mid North, Crichton Hall, Bankend Road, Dumfries, DG1 4TG or by e-mail to dg.feedback@nhs.net. You must provide your name, an address for correspondence, details of your original request and why you want a review.

If our decision is unchanged following review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you have the right to make a formal appeal to the Scottish Information Commissioner. Requests for appeal should be made in writing to the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Jennifer Wilson'.

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