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Freedom of Information Act 2000

Dear Sir/Madam

I can confirm that the information requested is held by Birmingham City Council. I have detailed below the information that is being released to you.

Request

We are doing some research into the value of council / authority Special Education Needs & Disability and Adult Social Care transport contracts operated by private hire operators. To this end, could we please request your assistance in obtaining the information below, for your council / authority, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

Data request:

For the last 3 financial years (by year), and latest financial year (estimated):

1. Spend on Special Education Needs & Disability [SEND] transport i.e. taking children with SEND to and from school
2. Number of SEND passengers transported
3. Value of all council / authority SEND transport contracts awarded to taxi operators (PHV) (excluding coach hire)
4. Spend on Adult Social Care [ASC] transport i.e. taking elderly passengers to and from day centres
5. Number of ASC passengers transported
6. Value of all council / authority ASC transport contracts awarded to taxi operators (PHV) or taxi operators (excluding coach hire)

If actual figures aren't available, is it possible to provide estimates instead? If yes, we would be grateful if you could indicate which figures are estimated.

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By 'contract awarded' we mean in all contracts regardless of contracting approach e.g. open tender, framework, dps, or other.

Format: Please send through data in whichever format is easiest for you.

Clarification: If the request is unclear, please accept our apologies and let us know what clarification is needed. Similarly if it is not possible to provide the information requested due to it exceeding the cost of compliance limits, we would be grateful if you could advise as to how we might refine our request accordingly.

Response

For the last 3 financial years (by year), and latest financial year (estimated):

- 1. Spend on Special Education Needs & Disability [SEND] transport i.e. taking children with SEND to and from school*
- 2. Number of SEND passengers transported*
- 3. Value of all council / authority SEND transport contracts awarded to taxi operators (PHV) (excluding coach hire)*

- 1. Spend on Special Education Needs & Disability [SEND] transport i.e. taking children with SEND to and from school*

2016/2016 = £16,792

2016/2017 = £18,302

2017/2018 = £20,538 (these figures include administration costs)

- 2. Number of SEND passengers transported*

2015/2016 = 3,944

2016/2017 = 4,136

2017/2018 = 3,918 (these figures are approximate as the number of students transported will change between the start of the academic year and the end of academic year).

- 3. Value of all council / authority SEND transport contracts awarded to taxi operators (PHV) (excluding coach hire)*

Travel Assist are unable to provide the exact cost of contracts awarded to taxi operators/private hire as invoices are submitted against school/education establishment budget codes that could contain both private hire/taxi costs and PSV costs (excluding coach hire). Travel Assist could provide the combined value of the contracts paid to both private hire/taxi and PSV operators

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(excluding coach hire) if required.

4. Spend on Adult Social Care [ASC] transport i.e. taking elderly passengers to and from day centres (see below)

5. Number of ASC passengers transported

Average 534 – Over 3 years we have had a reduction of around 30%

6. Value of all council / authority ASC transport contracts awarded to taxi operators (PHV) or taxi operators (excluding coach hire) (see below)

Financial Year	Adults Expenditure on Taxi Transport	Adults Expenditure on Minibus Transport	Combined adults taxi and minibus transport costs
2015-2016	£383,711.24	£1,755,381.67	£2,139,092.91
2016-2017	£377,775.15	£1,781,712.39	£2,159,487.54
2017-2018	£318,384.50	£1,808,438.08	£2,126,822.58
2018-2019 (Est)	£292,616.78	£1,944,606.84	£2,237,223.62

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I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours faithfully

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