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Our ref: FR8089
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Date: 12th April 2018

Dear Ms Vickers

Information Request: FR8089

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 19th March 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act and is detailed below in italics with our response in bold.

(Please note the extract below has been taken directly from your original information request and is unedited).

Our Response

The Freedom of Information Team has been provided with the following information in response to your recent request on behalf of Northamptonshire County Council (NCC).

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.*

2014/15 - £7,623,515

2015/16 - £7,991,422

2016/17 - £8,902,579

2017/18 - £9,242,335.

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2. *Number of SEND passengers transported*

2014/15 – 1540

2015/16 – 1611

2016/17 – 1755

2017/18 - 1593

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

2014/15 - £4,978,056

2015/16 - £5,440,212

2016/17 - £6,528,195

2017/18 - £6,892,284.

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

2014/15 - £3,305,325 (these figures include Child Social Care Transport).

2015/16 - £3,184,810 (these figures include Child Social Care Transport).

2016/17 - £3,364,202 (these figures include Child Social Care Transport).

2017/18 - £3,250,977 (these figures include Child Social Care Transport).

5. *Number of ASC passengers transported. These are broken down into two categories. ASC Passengers on taxis and ASC passengers on internal fleet.*

2014/15 Taxis 290, Internal 392 (These figures are for Adults only).

2015/16 Taxis 283, Internal 308 (These figures are for Adults only).

2016/17 Taxis 228, Internal 246 (These figures are for Adults only).

2017/18 Taxis 192, Internal 208. (These figures are for Adults only).

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

2014/15 - £729,404 (These figures are for Adults only)

2015/16 - £710,319 (These figures are for Adults only)

2016/17 - £659,381 (These figures are for Adults only)

2017/18 - £666,262. (These figures are for Adults only)

(for estimating spend on ASC in 4 above, the equivalent PHV or Taxi spend in 2017/18 for Child Social Care is £689,181)

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.

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

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If our internal review does not resolve the issue to your complete satisfaction, you have the right to apply to the information Commissioner for a decision at the following address:

Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Or, if you have any complaints in respect of your information request please complete the on-line comments form that can be found at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk, along with a full set of guidance.

Yours sincerely

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