

Durham County Council
Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information request



Reference Number:	FOI20187028TV	6 August 2018
Date Received:	Date: 25-June-18	
You Requested:	Requestor: Tracey Vickers	

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.

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.

Our Response:

Please see attached spreadsheet.

Please Note

Re Question 2: we do not hold data on actual number of SEN passengers, the response has been estimated from the scheduled passengers allocated to each contract at 1st October each year.

Re Question 3: we do not hold data of the spend specifically on taxi private hire vehicles; we have made an estimate according to the proportion of PHV found in recent monitoring of a sample of approx. 50 current contracts to SEN schools.

Re Question 6:

We do not hold data of the spend specifically on taxi private hire vehicles; we have made an estimate according to the proportion of vehicles found in monitoring of sample social care contracts.

Attachments:
FOI20187028Response.xlsx

Exemptions Applied: not applicable

The Public Interest Test: not applicable

Review Procedure

I hope that this information is of assistance. However, if you feel that this particular request has not been complied with fully under the terms of the Act then please put your grounds in writing stating exactly why our interpretation of the Act and guidance has been incorrect and email that to:

foi@durham.gov.uk.

After you have exhausted our internal appeals procedure, you also have a right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at: Telephone: 01625 545 745 Email: casework@ico.org.uk

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