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Mr. Oliver Mason

Ref: 905

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Freedom of Information Request: Taxi and Patient Transport Services

Dear Mr. Mason

Thank you for your request for information. I can confirm that Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Trust has now completed its search for the information you requested on the 05/04/2011 in relation to the above.

The information you have requested is attached to this letter and has been sent by E-Mail.

Yours sincerely,

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In your request you asked for the following information: -

Please could you let me know the answer to the questions below relating to the Trust's taxi and patient transport services.

1. Taxis

- a. Who currently provides the Trust's taxi service?
- b. What is the Trust's annual spend on all taxi services?
- c. Who is responsible for managing this service and what are their phone, email and postal contact details?
- d. How do you advertise this service for competitive tender, when did this last take place and when will it next be undertaken?

The Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust does not have any contracts with private taxi companies. Taxis for patients are only used as a last resort and journeys (exceptional patients' journeys) would be incorporated in the general contract for courier and mail services (see 2a.).

2. PTS (Patient Transport Services)

- a. Who currently provides the Trust's PTS service?

The current provider of the non-emergency Patient Transport Service at the Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust is Intercare Distribution Services and is supplied under a shared contract between a number of neighbouring Trusts/PCTs. The Central and Eastern Cheshire Primary Care Trust is the lead authority for this.

- b. What is the Trust's annual spend on PTS?

Unfortunately the Trust is unable to acquire this information at the present time. However, we hope to be able to supply this, and complete the response, either on, or before Friday 6th May. Please accept my sincere apologies for any inconvenience.

- c. Who is responsible for managing this service and what are their phone, email and postal contact details?

The person responsible for managing internal transport at this Trust is:-

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- d. How do you advertise this service for competitive tender, when did this last take place and when will it next be undertaken?

The tender for this contract was last advertised under the EU Directives in 2006. An advertisement was placed in the European Journal giving all companies the opportunity to express an interest to receive a tender. The tender was undertaken using the Restricted procedure.

As for future tenders, the current contract runs until 30th September 2011, with an option to extend for a further 2 years. The Trust undertaking the procurement will follow the guidelines within the EU Directives regarding advertising the service. As mentioned previously, this contract is shared between a number of neighbouring Trusts/PCTs and the lead authority for this is the Central and Eastern Cheshire Primary Care Trust. Further information in respect of the tendering process for this contract will need to be made to the contract lead, (please see the address below)

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