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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013454 – Patients sent to private healthcare facilities

I am making this request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Given the substantial impact of waiting times on patient welfare, and the implications of budget concerns for the future health of the NHS, I believe this request to be firmly in the public interest.

Could I please be provided with the following data:

1. A database (in Excel-readable format) of all cases in which patients were sent to private healthcare facilities from NHS facilities covered by this FOI address from 1/1/2014 until 1/5/2017. This should include:

- a. Incident or record number as per your own system
- b. The date of the referral
- c. The department from which the patient was referred
- d. The facility to which the patient was referred
- e. The reason or explanation given for the referral
- f. The cost of the referral
- g. If possible, I would appreciate the data in this form:
Date Department Facility referred to Cost of referral Reason given

I would be interested in any information held by your department regarding my request , including any datasets from which this information is drawn.

The Trust sent 12 Urology patients to be treated at Ramsey Hospital in Halesowen in 2014/15 at a cost of £17,962. The purpose was to assist with waiting time targets specifically within the Urology specialty that the Trust were experiencing at that time. No other transfers have since been made