

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 23-564	1 <sup>st</sup> February 2023
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**Please see below three FOI's for response.**

**1. How many times have patients been sent by your health board to a private hospital or clinic for appointments and/or procedures in each of the last five years?**

Mental Health & Learning Disabilities (in Adults and Children and Young People - External counselling for the Primary Care Mental Health Service

Year	Number
2022	1110
2021	829
2020	335
2019	742
2018	204

Ophthalmology - Cataract Surgery

Year	Number
2022	762
2021	1,341
2020	377
2019	1,362
2018	370

Unscheduled Care

Specialty Name	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Gastroenterology*	0	0	0	488	1543	504
Gastroenterology - Emmerson Green	1095		-	-	-	-
Diabetes & Endocrinology*	0	0	0	24	261	101
Care of the Elderly*	0	0	0	52	168	14
Neurology*	0	0	0	115	68	39
Nephrology*	0	0	0	73	117	0

\* Note that a private facility was utilised for additional space to maintain services throughout high-prevalent periods of the pandemic; this was due to the strict distancing rules for infection prevention and control. The provision of care remained with the Health Board at all times, meaning that our medical teams provided and reviewed the care to patients within facilities which were procured from a private provider. This will include using facilities to allow the continuation of Outpatient clinics.

**2. Broken down by clinical area, what is the cost in each of the last five years for sending your health board patients to private hospitals or clinics?**

Mental Health & Learning Disabilities (in Adults and Children and Young People - External counselling for the Primary Care Mental Health Service

Year	Cost
2022	£433,988
2021	£185,537
2020	£136,000
2019	£91,999
2018	£50,112

Ophthalmology - Cataract Surgery

Year	Cost
Apr - June 2022	£383,012
2021/22	£1,225,021
2020/21	355,000
2019/20	£1,184,255
2018/19	£630,321

Unscheduled Care

The Health Board are unable to provide the cost information.

**3. How many your health board hospitals, clinics and other facilities are currently in privately owned buildings with landlords, and what have the rental and associated costs been in each of the past five years?**

Financial Year	No. of Properties	Annual Rent
2018-2019	54	£1,396,394.89
2019-2020	56	£1,396,394.89
2020-2021	61	£1,757,544.89
2021-2022	66	£1,972,777.69