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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding spend with private mental health care providers within NHS Southport and Formby CCG.

Request/[Response](#):

1. How much money was spent with private mental health care providers by your CCG for patients who were referred for inpatient or outpatient services in the last four years (2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 so far)?

[Please see appendix 1.](#)

2. How many complaints has your trust received about the private providers you used in the last four years (2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 so far)? Please break this down by private provider (if possible) and say whether any of the complaints led to financial compensation for the patient, and if so how much was received. If further action was taken - such as cancellation of further contacts

[Please see appendix 1.](#)

3. What is the most amount of money given to a private mental health care provider for a single patient in the last four years? Please say who received the payment and what specific issue it was for (ie rehabilitation, eating disorder support)

[This information cannot be disclosed as it could potentially identify the individuals involved, especially if combined with other data, and this would constitute a breach of the data protection principles are set out in Article 5 of the General Data Protection Regulation.](#)

[Therefore, this information is exempt from disclosure under section 40\(2\) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 on the grounds that it is personal information.](#)

[Section 40 is an absolute exemption therefore is not subject to the public interest test. Please see attached document for further details on the exemption applied.](#)

Appendix 1

Question 1.					
Provider	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020	Total
CAS Behavioural Health - Cedars (CMS)	66,633	147,091	173,789	148,562	536,075
St Andrews Essex (CMS)		23,515	630		24,145

Question 2.		
Provider	Complaints received	
CAS Behavioural Health - Cedars (CMS)	0	
St Andrews Essex (CMS)	0	