

**Reference:** FOI.ICB-2324/202

**Subject:** Allocation of NHS funds to Private Hospitals and Clinics

*I can confirm that the ICB does hold the information requested; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>Please can you explain the process of allocating NHS funds for NHS patients sent to Private Hospitals and Clinics for treatment, especially in terms of your ICB budget. I would be grateful if you can also tell me who is responsible (roles) for setting and managing these budgets within your ICB.</p>	<p>The ICB Board is responsible for commissioning services on behalf of BNSSG residents, and for setting and managing the annual budget within a funding allocation and financial framework set out by NHS England.</p> <p>The ICB considers demand and capacity in the local provider market; patient need; national and local commissioning policies including Any Qualified Provider (AQP) and Patient Choice; affordability &amp; value for money when setting budgets.</p>

***The information provided in this response is accurate as of 25 October 2023 and has been approved for release by Sarah Truelove, Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Finance Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.***