

Reference: FOI.ICB-2324/280

Subject: ICB Spend on Mental Health Spend in the Private Sector

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

| QUESTION | RESPONSE |
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| <p>Please can you let me know where I can find information about the proportion of your budget that has been spent on buying up mental health capacity in the private sector (both in-patient services, and community services)?</p> <p>I'm aware that tendered contract information is available on the gov.uk website, but I'm unsure if this covers all of the money from ICBs which is spent in the private sector (for example, does this published information comprise the budget you spend on acute mental health bed capacity in the private sector on an adhoc basis?).</p> | <p>Mental Health spend in the private sector on directly commissioned services, including on an ad-hoc basis is £17.7m in 2023/24 financial year.</p> |

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 16 November 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.