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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

**Request ID: FOI636143786**

Thank you for your request for information relating to funded school transportation by taxi service for children and young people.

You have requested the following information:

**For each of the tax years 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/5 (actuals for prior years and forecast for current year), please provide the following information for council funded school transportation by taxi service for children and young people.**

**1. Total number of children whom the council funded school transportation taxi services - breakdown by both SEN and non-SEN taxi transport for each period**

These figures have been provided for the academic year

SEN numbers:

2022/23 – 297

2023/24 – 325

2024/25 – approx. 250, however we are anticipating numbers closer to previous years.

**2. Total spend on taxi services for child transportation - breakdown by both SEN and non-SEN taxi transport for each period for academic year only:**

These figures have been provided in financial year. Costs are based on direct taxi expenditure on

young people, split between SEN and (Council wide) non-SEN areas.

2022/23

SEN: £2,335,530

Non-SEN: £522,531

2023/24

SEN: £2,224,734

Non-SEN: £560,218

We are unable to provide figures for the 2024/25 predicted spend as currently there is a review ongoing which following the conclusion of this could affect the predicted spending.

**3. Names of all taxi supplier(s) used to provide this service and volume of work provided to each – breakdown by both SEN and non-SEN taxi transport for each period**

For 2023/24 is as follows Alpha, Wayne Docking, Leas, City Taxi, Sky, Lewis's, Arena, however for previous year typically the same but may vary occasionally subject to bids.

For this year 2024/25, this is not currently known until all bids have been submitted and assessed/confirmed.

**4. Since when have you used with these suppliers for this purpose?**

Suppliers vary depending on winning bids and contracts awarded, however, some of the taxi companies noted above have provided transport for over five years

**5. If you have contracts in place with these suppliers when do they expire?**

The default is stated under clause 2.1 of the DPS agreement, which states 'The call for competition for individual routes will be let on a termly basis unless stated within the call for competition exercise or advised otherwise by the Travel Bureau.'

**6. If you publish the terms of these contracts, please share a website link**

The DPS remains open for new entrances until the expiry in 2028. The documents are freely accessible to companies who register on [www.csw-jets.co.uk](http://www.csw-jets.co.uk).

**7. In addition to the transportation of children to and from school what are they key requirements you have of these suppliers (e.g. safeguarding, reporting, integration with systems etc.) - if you used a tendering document, please share**

These are detailed in the DPS document, freely accessible to companies who register on [www.csw-jets.co.uk](http://www.csw-jets.co.uk).

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Yours faithfully

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