

Reference:	FOI.7697.22
Subject:	Contracts to companies to supply Mental Health Services
Date of Request:	5 January 2022

Requested:

I would like to make an application under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for the following information: (please provide a breakdown from the last 3 years - 2019 - present, in calendar years not fiscal)

1. Has the Health Board/NHS Trust offered contracts to companies to supply mental health services to CAMHS/ mental health services to adults?
2. If the answer is yes, how many private companies have been given a contract?
3. How much money has been spent on each of these contracts
4. Was the tender process transparent (for example were the contracts advertised/offered openly/publicly/fairly
5. If not, how many of these contracts were given/awarded in private/ after private discussions with each company.

Clarification

In this FOI request a private company is any non-NHS or public funded body that is a profit-making company to include private limited company (Ltd) listed with Companies House, Public Limited Company (PLC) incorporated with Companies House, and self-employed independent practitioners who are invoicing or have tendered for a contract to provide core therapeutic services to either Adult Mental Health Services (CMHTs) or Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) - to include the outsourcing of any and all neurodevelopmental assessments that would be expected to be a core NHS non-inpatient provision.

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that it has not commissioned any external Mental Health Services (MHS) for the provision of clinical interventions for adults, during the calendar years 2019 to 2021. However, the UHB can confirm that it has commissioned external provision of clinical intervention services for its Specialist Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (SCAMHS).
2. The UHB confirms that one (1) private contractor has received a contract.
3. The UHB confirms that the annual spend is £110,000.00 plus VAT.
4. The UHB confirms that following a multi-agency evaluation, a Service Level Agreement was awarded to a private sector provider in December 2020 for three (3) months. However, in March 2021, the Welsh Government extended MHS funding and the continuation of the services being provided to SCAMHS was agreed as the pandemic continued. A full tender for the ongoing requirements will be scheduled with Procurement colleagues in the 2022/23 financial year.

5. Not applicable.