



Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023, for information about Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) transport services.

Please find below City of Doncaster Council's responses to the questions you have raised.

**Request**

“Could you please provide me with the **amount that was spent on Special Educational Needs and Disabilities transport services over the current academic year (2022 – 2023)** and **the list of 5 largest providers of these services by volume (the number of schoolchildren delivered) and spend**. If this information is not available for the full academic year, please provide for any period within the year that is available. The bigger part of the year this information covers, the better. Could you please include the name of the provider, the number of schoolchildren delivered by each of the providers, and the amount spent on each of the providers. Please also indicate which time period which this information covers.”

**Response**

Financial information is held per financial year therefore City of Doncaster Council does not yet hold information for the 2022/2023 academic year. Additionally, the full costs for the 2022/2023 academic year will not be known until the academic year ends later this month.

The 5 largest operators in terms of spend are listed in the table below which also shows the number of routes and passengers transported by each of the five largest firms. This information shows the cost of SEND transport for these firms from October 2022.

Firm	Rank	No of Routes	No of Passengers	Spend 03/10/22 to 02/07/23
Tommy Taxi's Limited	1	64	124	£ 1,209,273.73
SM Travel Yorkshire Ltd	2	65	108	£ 850,670.68
Alliance Transfer Service	3	26	45	£ 464,816.12
Amvale Medical Transport Ltd	4	21	73	£ 411,160.39
AK786 Cabs	5	17	28	£ 194,316.40
Totals		193	378	£ 3,130,237.32

The cost of SEND transport for the 2022/2023 financial year was £5,282,023.25.

I hope that this information is useful to you.

City of Doncaster Council estimates that it has cost £42.50 to respond to this request for information.

**Reviewing any decisions made:**

If you are not happy with this reply you can ask us to review our response. To do this write to us within 40 working days of receiving your response at the address below or email [FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk](mailto:FOIAppeals@doncaster.gov.uk)

If you do not agree with the review decision you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision about our compliance or otherwise with the Freedom of Information legislation. Contact details for the ICO are: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk) Telephone 0303 123 1113.

Yours sincerely,

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