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Transportation of goods, equipment, specimens, packages and other items on behalf of the Belfast Trust.

To request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 relating specifically to the transportation of goods, equipment, specimens, packages and other items on behalf of the Trust.

For clarity, I am primarily interested in transport where a taxi company, Courier Company or other external transport provider is used to move an item rather than to transport a patient or member of staff.

For each of the financial years 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26, where the information is held, could you please provide:

1. The total amount spent by the Trust on external taxi, courier or transport providers for the transportation of items rather than passengers.

	2023	2024	2025	Grand Total
Total	545,808	674,038	1,096,698	2,316,544

2. The total number of individual journeys/jobs undertaken for this purpose.

Information not held by individual job/journey for the time period specified above.

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3. Where recorded, a breakdown of the general categories of items transported, for example: medical equipment; laboratory specimens; medicines/pharmacy items; sterile equipment; medical consumables; documents or records; equipment being transferred, repaired or returned; transport containers/packaging; and any other significant category.

No breakdown of category items available.

4. Where readily available electronically, the total number of journeys which were classed as urgent, emergency, same-day or ad-hoc rather than scheduled/routine transport.

Information not available electronically.

5. The names of the external companies/providers currently contracted or otherwise regularly used by the Trust to provide these services.

1. Data Dispatch Company Name
2. GMTS Company Name

6. The total amount paid to each provider for transportation of items during each of the above financial years, where this can be separated from passenger transport expenditure.

Separated information not held.
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**7. Details of any current framework agreement, contract or purchasing arrangement covering courier services and/or transportation of items,
including: contract/reference number; commencement date; scheduled expiry date; and available extension periods.**

The contract with Data Dispatch is 4831575 Courier and Transportation Services for Category B (UN3373) Biological Substances and Specimens. The contract commenced 4th June 2024 to 3rd June 2026. The contract has been extended for 12 Months to 3rd June 2027.

The contract (lot 2) with GMTS is 4997719 Courier and Transportation Services. The contract commenced 1st December 2024 to 30th November 2028, no available extension period.

8. Where readily available electronically, the average cost per individual transportation-of-items journey/job.

Information not available electronically.