

1- What was the total cost of using private healthcare firms in the last year - February 2007- February 2008?

Figures for this period have not yet been collated. However, expenditure in the Independent Sector for the period April 07 - Dec 07 was £20,698,541

2- What was the total cost of using private healthcare firms in the previous year- from February 2006 - February 2007?

£22.9m was spent using private healthcare firms in the financial year from April 2006 to March 2007.

3- What were the total number of operations carried out by private health care firms in the last year and the total number of operations on the NHS?

There were 457,637 procedures in total carried out in Health & Social Care (HSC) hospitals in Northern Ireland during 2006/07. A procedure can be designated as any treatment carried out on a patient in hospital, therefore a patient admitted for one episode could potentially register as multiple procedures. During the same period 5,353 patients were transferred to the Independent Sector for inpatient / day care treatment.

4- How much does it cost the taxpayer per operation- if you could provide a few examples of what it would cost via private health firm and on the NHS? e.g. the bill for a typical hip replacement with a private healthcare firm and also on the NHS.

The cost of sending a patient for treatment to the independent sector varies depending on the type of procedure and patient's individual circumstances. It can range from £1,000 for day case procedures to as much as £16,000 for more complex procedures such as cardiac surgery. Some examples of typical prices are given below;

Specialty	Procedure	Average	Average
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		Price/Price Range NHS Patient	Price/Price Range Independent Sector
Cardiac Surgery	Bypass/Valve Replacement	£10,000 - £12,000	£16,000
Orthopaedics	Primary knee replacement	£1,800	£6,025 - £7,100
	Primary hip replacement	£4,400	£5,700 - £6,900
Ophthalmology	Cataract Surgery	£660	£900 - £1,800

5-How many different private healthcare firms are used by Department to cut waiting lists, what are they called and where are they located?

A complete list of the 28 Private Healthcare firms used by the Department to cut waiting lists is attached.

Provider	Location/Address
BMI The Alexandra Hospital (GB)	Mill Lane, Cheadle, Cheshire, SK8 2PX
Birkdale Clinic (GB)	Clifton Lane, Rotherham, SJ65 2AJ
North West Independent Hospital (NI)	Church Hill House, Ballykelly, Co. Londonderry, BT49 9HS
Woodlands Hospital (GB) (Bluesparkle Ltd)	Morton Park, Darlington, Co.Durham, DL1 4PL
Malone Private Clinic & Northern MRI (NI)	93 Malone Road, Belfast
Blackrock Clinic (IRL)	Rock Road, Blackrock, Dublin
Mater Private Hospital, (IRL)	Eccles Street, Dublin
Guys & St. Thomas' Hospital, (GB)	Newcomen Street, London, SE1 1YR
All Clear Clinic (NI)	7 Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast, BT9 6FL
Fitzwilliam Clinic (NI)	70-72 Lisburn Road, Belfast BT9 6AF
Balmoral Clinic (NI)	811-815 Lisburn Road, Malone Lower, Belfast BT9 7GX
Hillsborough Private Clinic (NI)	2 Main Street, Hillsborough BT26 5AE
Ulster Independent Clinic (NI)	245 Stranmillis Road, Belfast, BT9 5JH
BMI Ross Hall (GB)	221 Crookston Road Glasgow G52 3NQ
Medinet	Arthur House Mere Green Road Four Oaks, Sutton Coldfield B75 5BS
352 Group	352 Medical Consulting, 352 Lisburn Road, Belfast, BT9 6GJ
Malone Medical Chambers	142 Malone Road Belfast, BT9 5LH
Classic Hospitals	72 Berkeley Avenue, Reading, Berkshire, RG1 6HY

EEG –Ireland	237 Moira Road Lisburn, BT28 2TU
Pang & Co	38 Sheridan Drive Helen's Bay, Co. Down BT19 1LB
Alliance Medical	Home Farm Drive, Upton, Banbury, Oxon, OX15 6HU
OrthoDerm	PO Box 383 LISBURN BT28 9BN
London Bridge Hospital	27 Tooley St London SE1 2PR
Ms Tamsin Greenwell & Mr Julian Shah	c/o London Bridge Hospital
McIndoe Surgical Centre	Holtage Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 3EB
London Chamber of Plastic Surgery	Central Chambers 48 Harley Street London 1G 7JQ
TMR Health Professionals	Pricewood House 46 New Forge Lane Belfast, BT9 5NW
MRI Ireland (now Scan Ireland)	Mater Hospital Belfast