

Reference: FOI 36043 GLO 11M

Subject: Funding Arrangements For Patients

I can confirm that the CCG does hold the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>Please disclose all policies, guidance, and instructions, including terms, conditions, eligibility, and format/method of payment, held by Gloucestershire CCG with regards to:</p>	
<p>i. Up-front funding for or reimbursement of travel available for patients and escorts of patients receiving Terminations of Pregnancy, both under nationally-directed schemes and any other provisions;</p>	<p>Gloucestershire CCG does not provide any upfront funding for healthcare travel, including Terminations of Pregnancy.</p> <p>Should a patient require transport and meet national eligibility criteria set out in the 2007 Department of Health publication, this will be provided by our Non-Emergency Transport Service (NEPTS) provider E-zec.</p> <p>Should a patient not meet the criteria, but be in receipt of certain benefits, then they can make a claim for reimbursement under the Healthcare Travelcost scheme. More information on the national policy is available here:</p> <p>Further information about all travel options is published on our website.</p>
<p>ii. Up-front funding for or reimbursement for overnight stays available of patients and escorts of patients receiving Terminations of Pregnancy;</p>	
<p>iii. Where different to (1) above, up-front funding for or reimbursement of travel available for patients and escorts of patients receiving non-primary care, both under nationally-directed schemes and any other provisions; and</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>

iv. Where different to (2) above, up-front funding for or reimbursement of overnight stays available for patients and escorts of patients receiving non-primary care;	Not applicable
The 2020-21 Gloucestershire CCG budget for up-front funding for or reimbursement of travel and overnight stays for patients receiving:	
a. Terminations of pregnancy; and	The CCG does not record transport costs based on condition.
b. Non-primary care	<p>Due to COVID-19 the current budget for 2020/21 only reflects the first 4months costs based on block payments. This has been set at £1,592,979.</p> <p>For information, the overall budget for Non-Emergency Patient Transport and other travel such as the Healthcare Travel Cost Scheme for 2019/20 was £4,643,119.</p>

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 16 July 2020 and has been authorised for release by Mark Walkingshaw, Deputy Accountable Officer/Director of Commissioning for NHS Gloucestershire CCG.