

Freedom of Information Request

Request:

How many people have successfully transferred their pension out of NHS pensions to a private provider since April 2007 ?

Status: Complete**Response Date:** 01/10/2009

The Authority holds information falling within the description specified in your request. However, I estimate that the cost of complying with your request would exceed the appropriate limit of £450. The appropriate limit has been specified in regulations and for non-central Government departments it is set at £450. This represents the estimated cost of one person spending 2½ working days in determining whether the Authority holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act the Authority is not obliged to comply with your request.

However, in an effort to be helpful, we do maintain records of transfers out processed by NHS Pensions, which show that from 1 April 2007 to date NHS Pensions, has processed 1193 overseas transfers (most or all of which will be to private providers) plus 570 transfers out to personal pension arrangements. Other classes of transfer out not included above have been to occupational pension providers (eg Civil Service, Teachers Pension Scheme etc). There is also a class of transfers out termed "others" which largely but not exclusively consists of transfers out to Local Government schemes.