

**REPLY BY THE MINISTER OF THE SOCIAL SECURITY DEPARTMENT  
TO QUESTIONS ASKED PURSUANT TO RULE 6 OF THE  
RULES OF PROCEDURE BY DEPUTY M HADLEY**

**Question**

*What are the contracted arrangements for medical evacuation flights from Guernsey?*

**Answer**

There is a three year contract, which commenced in August 2013, between the States of Guernsey, the States of Jersey and Capital Air Charter.

**Question**

*How many medical evacuation flights were made from Guernsey to the UK each month since January 2013?*

**Answer**

<u>Month/Year</u>	<u>Number of Flights</u>
Jan-13	16
Feb-13	14
Mar-13	26
Apr-13	12
May-13	35
Jun-13	23
Jul-13	22
Aug-13	20
Sep-13	23
Oct-13	21
Nov-13	20
Dec-13	20
<b>2013 Total</b>	<b>252</b>
Jan-14	17
Feb-14	19
Mar-14	27
Apr-14	19
May-14	26
Jun-14	29
<b>2014 Half-year</b>	<b>137</b>

**Question**

*What are the Main medical Conditions for these flights?  
What were the number of Patients for each of the main medical conditions?*

**Answer**

**Summary of Air Ambulance Statistics 2013 + 6 months 2014**

<b>Medical Conditions</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>January-June 2014</b>	<b>2013 + year to date 2014</b>	<b>% of Grand Total</b>
Cardiology Cases	136	80	216	55.5%
Neurological Cases	18	11	29	7.5%
Fractures cases	3	9	12	3.1%
Cancer cases	11	5	16	4.1%
All other cases	84	32	116	29.8%
<b>Grand Total of Patients</b>	252	137	389	100.0%

**Question**

*Are the staff who accompany patients employed by HSSD or the contractor?*

**Answer**

- In 2013, the staff accompanying patients were provided by the contractor, except for on 10 occasions when Health and Social Services Department staff were used.
- In 2014, there are no recorded cases of Health and Social Services Department staff being used to accompany patients.

**Question**

*What is the cost of these flights?*

**Answer**

- The total cost in 2013 for flights was £1,083,540.02
- The total cost in 2014 to 30 June was £483,972.75

**Question**

*Has the Department given any consideration to whether the service could be undertaken by Aurigny?*

**Answer**

Aurigny will be able to tender for the service when the contract comes up for renewal in 2016.

**Date of Receipt of the Questions: 17 July 2014**

**Date of Reply: 31 July 2014**

Cost (approx)	£ 154
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