

Hotels / Taxis for Out Of Area Patients

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response, in **blue bold text** below:

Royal Devon's Eastern FOI Office Response

- 1) How many people were provided with a) accommodation in hotels and b) taxis as part of government plans to reduce the waiting list by sending patients to out-of-area hospitals from January 1st 2022 to the date of this email?
- 2) Please tell me a) the total number of nights in a hotel funded over this period and b) the total number of taxi journeys funded, as well as c) the types of medical procedures that were 'outsourced' in this way to out-of-area services and the names of the hospitals that carried them out
- 3) What was the total cost of a) the hotels and b) the taxis?
- 4) Please tell me a) the THREE most expensive amounts paid per single night of accommodation in a hotel, and tell me the names and addresses of the establishments and b) please also state the THREE biggest amounts spent on taxi rides and the starting point and destination of each of these rides.

NOTE: Please note that in Question 4 I do not want a specific address as this may breach the patient's data protection rights, so I am content for you to provide me with an approximation of where the start point was that is accurate yet vague enough not to disclose the patient's identity.

The Trust can confirm we do not hold any record of this information . we are not aware of any patients sent to out-of-area hospitals between Jan – Sep 2022 as part of government plans to reduce the waiting list.

Any such arrangements mentioned in the above questions would be managed by the CCG (now the ICB).

You can contact them as follows:-

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