

11/10/2022

Dear Requester,

**FOI 1683**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request. Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked:

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?**

0 for both elements

1. **Please tell me:**
2. **The total number of nights in a hotel funded over this period**

0

1. **The total number of taxi journeys funded**

0

1. **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**

Pain injections, orthopaedic procedures (joints, spinal, foot and ankle, lower limb and upper limb cases), general surgery procedures (Lap Choles and Hernia’s), dental extractions and cataract replacements.

The providers are BMI Manor, Spire Harpenden, One Stop Doctors, Tigga Smile, Spa Medica and Ramsay Health (Pinehill).

1. **What was the total cost of a) the hotels and b) the taxis?**

0 for both

1. **Please tell me**
2. **The THREE most expensive amounts paid per single night of accommodation in a hotel, and tell me the names and addresses of the establishments**
3. **The THREE biggest amounts spent on taxi rides and the starting point and destination of each of these rides.**

N/A 0 for both

**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.**

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Yours sincerely,

*FOI Officer*

Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust