University Hospitals Bristol

NHS Foundation Trust

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: UHB 17-522

Date 21 September 2017



Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

1) For each of the last three financial years, 2014/15, 2015/16, 2016/17 could you please tell me how much your NHS Trust spent on external hotel accommodation for patients? By that, we are referring to paying for patients to stay at commercial hotels.

2014/15	2015/16	2016/17
210,687	199,450	208,485

2) Could you please tell me which hotels your trust used in the last three financial years? For each financial year, could you please give the sum for the highest amount paid, over the period of the year, for hotel accommodation for a single patient?

We can confirm the hotels used within the last three financial years were:

- Premier Inn
- Premier Group Apartments
- Holiday Inn.

Please note we are unable to separate amounts by single patients without reviewing other detailed individual records which would exceed the time limit for this request. **Section 12** of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time

3) Could you please give details of any particular services patients required in their hotels: for example fridges to store medicine? Should this request exceed the limit, please drop the final question regarding any particular services patients required, such as fridges to store medicine.

We do not hold this information.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust Trust Headquarters Marlborough Street Bristol BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely,

