

Our Ref: JC/PW/FOI-09-124

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Sent by email

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Dear

FOI-09-124

Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request dated the 27th September 2022. We can confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board does hold the information that you have requested. Please see our responses in blue below

- 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.**

The ICB has not had any requests for hotel accommodation or taxi services during this period.

Right of Appeal

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.

To request an internal review

Chair: Prem Singh

Interim Chief Executive Officer: Peter Axon



**Staffordshire and
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Integrated Care Board

You can request an internal review by contacting the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board FOI team by emailing the team at StaffsStokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk or by post to the address at the top of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board's FOI complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Yours sincerely

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