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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - Ref: FOI/011103

With reference to your FOI request that was received on 27/03/2012 in connection with 'Hotel Rooms, Private Medical Treatment'.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is enclosed

Further information about your rights is also available from the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner

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Yours sincerely

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Please find the responses to your request in turn below:

1. In the last calendar year, 2011, how much did your Trust pay to provide accommodation for patients in hotel rooms (by hotel rooms I actually mean a room in a commercial hotel)?
In the last calendar year the Trust has not paid any monies to provide accommodation for patients in hotel rooms.

2. How many patient nights did you get for this sum?

Not applicable

3. Please state the name and address of the hotel where the largest number of patient nights were purchased from in 2011, what this cost was and how many patient nights it represented?

Not applicable

4. How many NHS staff in your Trust have received private medical treatment paid for by your NHS trust in each of the following calendar years, 2009, 2010 and 2011 and what was the total cost of those treatments in each of the calendar years?

The Trust does not hold information on NHS staff that have received private medical treatment paid for by the NHS Trust.

All patients now have the right to choose which hospital provider they are referred to by their GP/referrer. This legal right, which was introduced in April 2009, lets patients choose from any hospital provider in England offering a suitable treatment that meets NHS standards and costs.

Now patients can choose which hospital they are seen in according to what matters most to them, whether it's location, waiting times, reputation, clinical performance, visiting policies, parking facilities or patients' comments. Patients can also choose to go to independent sector providers who have a contract with the NHS.

A choice of hospital is available for most patients and in most circumstances. Exceptions include emergency and urgent services, cancer, maternity and mental health services. If you need to be seen urgently by a specialist (for example, if you have severe chest pain), your GP will send you where you'll be seen most quickly.

Please follow the link below to the Choose and Book website:

http://www.chooseandbook.nhs.uk/patients/choosing-your/copy_of_index_html