

Reference: FOI.ICB-2324/168

Subject: Patient Hotels 2020-23

*I can confirm that the ICB **does hold the information requested**; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
1. Does the Trust send patients to hotels as part of their treatment or recovery? If so, please stipulate the circumstances in which this policy applies.	In winter 2021/22 and 2022/23 the ICB commissioned a care hotel to take medically fit patients whilst waiting for onward care packages.
2. Which hotels have been used by the Trust for this purpose since 2020?	2021/22 – The Hotel Bristol The ICB has applied Section 43(2) (Prejudice to Commercial Interests) to the name of the hotel used during 2022/23 The hotel has asked the ICB that it not be named as it believes that being named may result in fewer guests staying with them. As paying guests is the most significant revenue stream for hotels, the ICB agrees that staying guests is a key commercial aspect of the hotel business model. Therefore, if naming the hotel resulted in fewer guests this would constitute a prejudice to the commercial interests of the hotel. Previously, the ICB did name the hotel and this resulted in media filming outside the hotel without permission which caused distress to paying guests, staff and the patients. The ICB does believe that it is reasonably likely that a similar situation would occur again and

therefore agrees that naming the hotel is likely to prejudice their commercial interests.

The ICB has undertaken a public interest test for this exemption and believes that the public interest lies in the costs spent on the care hotels as this represents taxpayer money spent in the private sector. The ICB also believes that there is a public interest in the amount of additional capacity the care hotel provides to the system. The public would want to be satisfied that the NHS is considering value for money as part of this capacity provision.

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The ICB believes that care hotels are an innovative use of system capacity which supports the care and treatment of patients in what is an already stretched system. It is in the public interest for this additional capacity to exist as it supports extra capacity to continue to provide care to patients and more importantly allows for bed capacity for those with higher care needs in an hospital environment. The ICB would like the opportunity to support care hotel use in the system and naming the hotel may mean that other hotels would not want to be part of this work removing the possibility of this capacity in the

	<p>future. It is in the public interest that the NHS can utilise resource across the system to support and care for patients in the most appropriate setting.</p>
<p>3. Since April 2020 (i.e. the start of the 2020-2021 financial year), how many patients have been sent by the Trust to hotels as part of their treatment or recovery? Please stipulate by financial year, i.e. 2020-21, 2021-22, financial year 2022-23, and financial year 2023-24 to date this FOI request was received.</p>	<p>2020-21 = 0 2021-22= 174 2022-23= 324 2023-24= 0</p>
<p>4. Since April 2020 (i.e. the start of the 2020-2021 financial year), how much has the Trust spent on sending patients to hotels? Please stipulate by financial year, i.e. 2020-21, 2021-22, financial year 2022-23, and financial year 2023-24 to date this FOI request was received.</p>	<p>In 2020-21 the CCG spent: £0 In 2021-22 the CCG spent: £1,681,187 In 2022-23 the ICB spent: £2,000,001 In 2023-24 the ICB spent: £0</p>

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 26 July 2023 and has been approved for release by Lisa Manson, Director of Performance and Delivery for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.