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From: Private Individual
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Subject: Use of and spend on hotels and taxis for out-of-area patients and their next of kin

Q1 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? (27/09/2022).

A1 Zero

Q2 Please tell me:
a. the total number of nights in a hotel funded over this period
b. the total number of taxi journeys funded
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

A2 Information not held, as per A1 above

Q3 What was the total cost of:
a. the hotels
b. the taxis

A3 Information not held, as per A1 above

Q4 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.

NOTE: 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.

A4 Information not held, as per A1 above