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Date: 27th February 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

I am getting in touch to request information under the Freedom of Information Act. The request relates to the amount of money spent by your NHS Trust on first class and business class tickets for flights from 2019 to the first few weeks of 2023.

1. Over the last four years, has your Trust booked first class or business class plane tickets for staff/employees to travel on work trips abroad?

The Trust has booked business class on behalf of employees, within this time period.

2. If yes, how much has been spent in each respective year on such flights from 2019 to 2023?

The Trust policy does allow the employees to travel by business class, however they must make a fixed contribution toward the flight. The below figures are the total cost to the Trust after deducting staff contributions.

Year	Annual spend
2019	£51,346
2020	£10,014
2021	£0
2022	£161,859
2023	£0

3. Where possible, please disclose the routes flown (e.g LHR - NYC - LHR).

Various return routes between Manchester and India.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 28 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Kelly Knowles
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The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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