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Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

- Please can you give a breakdown, year by year, of which countries have been visited, and how many times?

	Countries			
Year	India	UAE	Egypt	Thailand
2019	2	0	1	0
2020	no visits due to Covid	no visits due to Covid	no visits due to Covid	no visits due to Covid
2021	no visits due to Covid	no visits due to Covid	no visits due to Covid	no visits due to Covid
2022	4	0	0	1
2023	1	0	0	0

- How many nurses/doctors have been recruited to come and work for WWL Trust from each country?

The Trust does not hold the number of nurses/doctors that have been recruited to come and work for WWL Trust from each country.

During the pandemic we did all the interviews online and the countries the candidate were in were not recorded.

When face to face interviews were done in India and Dubai, we had citizens of multiple countries visiting India for the interview. The Trust also did online interviews from India for doctors living in other countries.

- **Has this successfully addressed the staff shortage issue?**

The requirements for international nurses for WWL have dropped significantly and is in single digits for this financial year.

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 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Tabitha Gardner
Chief Finance Officer

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The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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