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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5809

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 03rd July 2023.

Your request was as follows:

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.

[I can confirm that the Walton Centre NHS Trust does use hotels for patients enrolled on our Pain Management Programme where it would not be feasible for the patient to travel to the Trust each day.](#)

2. Which hotels have been used by the Trust for this purpose since 2020?

[Please see attached.](#)

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.

[Please see attached.](#)

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.

[Please see attached.](#)

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5809 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted by:

Post: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Online: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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