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Date Received: 22nd July 2025

Response Due: 19th August 2025

Date: 12th August 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 22nd July 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I would like to request the following information from the trust from the last five financial years:

- 1. The number of staff who were sent to a foreign country to facilitate recruitment drives (to address shortages as set out as part of the NHS Long Term Plan).**
The Trust did not undertake any trips to recruit to address shortages as set out as part of the NHS Long Term Plan.
- 2. The total cost to the trust of each recruitment drive exercise including flights and accommodation**
N/A.
- 3. The city and country that were visited as part of the exercise**
N/A.
- 4. The type of staff it was hoped would be recruited**
N/A.

Please can the information be broken down by year, for the last five financial years (2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25)

Please limit the search to just those where the bills for the recruitment were paid in any of the last five financial years.

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,



Juliette Tait
Chief People Officer

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If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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