

FOI REF: 22/326

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

Q1. In the last 12 months, have you increased the fuel allowance for your staff who are eligible to claim back fuel costs? Please answer yes or no.

Yes.

Q1i. If yes, please specify the rate now (June 2022) paid back to staff for fuel costs and the criteria for reimbursement, and what the rate and criteria was in June 2021.

61p per mile with effect from 1st July. 56p per mile previously. Criteria for reimbursement is business travel expenses. This is a nationally agreed rate with thresholds and includes a temporary uplift, all as agreed at Department of Health level.

Q2. Between 1st June 2021 and 31st May 2022, how much money did the trust spent on the following? (Please provide totals for each individual point below rather than a group total)

Clarification was sought asking you to confirm if 'hire cars' mean taxis or lease cars and confirmation was received that you require the following:

Please can you specify both things, taxis and lease cars, as two separate things.

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| a. | Providing hire cars for staff | Approximately £40,000 |
| | Lease Cars | £142,275 |
| | (includes staff lease cars which are partially reimbursed through staff wages and includes a lower rate for business miles reimbursement) | |
| b. | Providing public transport travel passes | £0.00 |
| c. | Investing in pool cars | £23,810.00 (leased) |

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Q3. Between 1st June 2020 and 31st May 2021, how much money did the trust spent on the following? (Please provide totals for each individual point below rather than a group total)

- a. **Providing hire cars for staff Taxis:** Approximately £23,000
- Lease Cars** £202,289
(includes staff lease cars which are partially reimbursed through staff wages and includes a lower rate for business miles reimbursement)
- b. **Providing public transport travel passes** £0.00
- c. **Investing in pool cars** £19,410.30 (leased)

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

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Yours sincerely

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