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Subject: Hospital Trust Postage

REQUEST

I would like you to send me the amount of money that your trust has spent on postage when communicating with or about patients in each of these financial years - 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24.

For clarity communicating with patients would include (but not be limited to) notification of appointments, reminders, results of tests and so forth. Essentially any letters sent to them from the hospital or hospital trust.

Communicating about patients would include (but not be limited to) letters to GPs about test results, treatments etc as well as referral letters to other treatment providers.

RESPONSE

Expenditure on postal services for Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and its predecessors for the years requested.

The Trust doesn't not separately quantify the costs of postage in relation to communication with or about patients.

Financial Year	Sum of actual (£)
21/22	1,363,645.01
22/23	1,303,572.01
23/24	1,563,650.03
Grand Total	4,230,867.05