

Request title: EPIC Project (Expenses associated with)

Date of Response: 13 August

Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

Request

I am writing to request a breakdown of costs associated with visits made by members of the Board, Executive Team, and senior management staff, to EPIC headquarters in Wisconsin, USA during 2014 and 2015.

Specifically, I am seeking:

- 1) Number of people that travelled
- 2) Travel expenses (flights, taxis)
- 3) Travel class selected
- 3) Accommodation expenses (hotels)
- 4) Entertainment expenses (meals, drinks, gifts, excursions)
- 5) Duration of trip
- 6) Time spent, as a proportion of trip duration, actively working with EPIC employees

As you will appreciate, this information is no longer commercially sensitive as the Trust has already publicised EPIC as their preferred supplier of an EPR system. I will therefore not be expecting this information to be embargoed in any way, and for a full and transparent response to the above items.

Reply

Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has provided you with the information that you have requested in the table below:-

Information	Trip 1 – August 2014	Trip 2 – March 2015
Number of people that travelled	7	2
Travel expenses (flights/taxis)	£11908.17*	£3600.41
Travel class selected	Economy	Economy Plus
Accommodation expenses (hotels)	£1198.42	£507.45
Entertainment expenses (meals, drinks, gifts, excursions)	£175.75 for meals/drinks (no gift or excursion expenses incurred)	£0 for meals/drinks (no gift or excursion expenses incurred)
Duration of trip	Arrived in Wisconsin at 21.34 on 04/08/14 Departed from Wisconsin at 19.05 on 05/08/14 (total trip to USA was 5.5 days including travel time)	Arrived in Wisconsin at 21.28 on 08/03/15 Departed from Wisconsin at 18.58 on 10/03/15 (total trip to USA was 3 days including travel time)
Time spent, as a proportion of trip duration, actively working with Epic employees	100% of time spent working with Epic	100% of time spent working with Epic

* Please note, the transatlantic flight to the states in trip 1 August 2014 included visits to other reference sites.