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I am responding to your request for an internal review received 13 December 2023. This is in response to your initial request of 13 November, which the Trust responded to on 17 November 2023.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,



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If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Tel: 0303 123 1113
Web: www.ico.org.uk

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Internal Review Request:

Question: Requesting an Internal Review, please, as the information provided is unclear.

The responses provided in the original email are different to the responses in the previous FOIs you've linked to.

And while the link mostly doesn't work – it shows the below – I have managed to get through and there are no figures for 2019-20.

Answer: Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, if information is readily available, an organisation is not required to provide the information again.

The figures for 2019-20 were provided in the DA5057 response.

The figures for 2020-21 have been revised and 2021-22 and 2022-23 were provided in the response for DA4764 in the "Levy funds received in" column.

In an effort to be helpful, we have provided the figures in the table below.

	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
Trust Apprenticeship Levy Contributions	£1,314,474.47	£1,483,519.47	£1,638,724	£1,793,614

Please note, these amounts include a 10% 'top-up' contribution from the Government.



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Original Request: Under Freedom of Information legislation, I would like to request the following.

Question 1: Is your organisation and apprenticeship levy payer? Yes or no is sufficient.

Answer: Yes.

Question 2: What was the value (£) of your organisation's apprenticeship levy contributions in

(a) 2019-20

Answer: £1,314,474.47.

(b) 2020-21 (c) 2021-22 and (d) 2022-23.

Please provide an annual breakdown.

Answer: The Trust has reviewed questions 2b, 2c and 2d of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 21(1) of the FOI Act states:

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

The information requested is accessible here:

<https://www.elft.nhs.uk/sites/default/files/2023-07/Response%20FOI%20DA4764%20-%20Appendix%201.pdf>

Question 3: How much apprenticeship levy 'expired' – i.e. was not used - in (a) 2019-20 (b) 2020-21 (c) 2021-22 and (d) 2022-23. Please provide an annual breakdown.

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Value of 'expired' apprenticeship levy
2019-20	£585,657.95
2020-21	£543,762.67
2021-22	£269,505.89
2022-23	£440,606.99

Question 4: How many apprenticeship starts did your organisation create in (a) 2019-20 (b) 2020-21 (c) 2021-22 and (d) 2022-23. Please provide an annual breakdown.

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Number of apprenticeships
2019-20	137
2020-21	117
2021-22	86
2022-23	67

Question 5: How many of those apprenticeship starts created were (a) male and (b) female in 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23. Please provide an annual breakdown for each gender.



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Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Number of male apprenticeships	Number of female apprenticeships
2019-20	50	87
2020-21	30	87
2021-22	19	67
2022-23	13	54



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