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Dear Requester,

FOI 1290

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request which was received within the Trust.
Please note, this is a cross-site response for Bedford site and Luton site.

You asked: I would like to know the following under the Freedom of Information Act.

- Total IT (information technology) budget for your organisation over the last three financial years (April to April) broken down by year – 2021/2022 £19.8million, 2020/2021 £16.1million, 2019/2020 £11.6million
- Does your organisation use chatbots? If so, how many? **No**
- How many customer interactions have your chatbots conducted over the last three financial years, broken down by year? **N/A**
- Are you team given training on the use of chatbots? If so, can you provide details? **N/A**

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Yours sincerely,

FOI Officer

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