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Dear Sir / Madam

**Re: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST: 88922**

Please find below the response to your Freedom of Information request to Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust.

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*Can you tell me who took the decision to remove the Thomas Guy and Sir Robert Clayton statues from public view?*

Both statues belong to the arts and heritage collection of Guy's and St Thomas' Charity, and the Trust has been working closely with them and with King's College London, who own the land on which the Thomas Guy statue is situated, on how best to handle this sensitive and complex issue. However, final decisions regarding the statues were not for the Trust to make.

*What was the consultation process if any?*

The decisions regarding the statues were not made by the Trust. Fulfilling consultation requirements is a matter for the Charity.

*Do you need planning permission?*

The decisions regarding the statues were not made by the Trust. Seeking planning permission is a matter for the Charity.

*How much is this costing the Trust?*

The Trust is not expecting to meet any of the costs associated with these actions.

Please let us know if you require more details or further clarification. You can find out more about the Trust and our publication scheme at our website<sup>2</sup>.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, please use our FOI review process by contacting [foi@gstt.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@gstt.nhs.uk) or writing to:

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If you remain dissatisfied after a review, you have the right under s50 of the Act to apply to the Information Commissioner's Office for a decision. Further details about this and the Act can be found on their website<sup>3</sup>.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Ian Abbs', with a stylized, cursive script.

Dr Ian Abbs  
Chief Executive and Chief Medical Officer

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<sup>1</sup> Either version 3 or, at your discretion, any later version – <http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/>

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.guysandstthomas.nhs.uk/about-us/publications/foi/freedom-of-information.aspx>

<sup>3</sup> <http://www.ico.org.uk>