



**Truro and Penwith  
Academy Trust**

# **Governance Expenses Policy**

## **Review Summary**

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# **Policy on the Payment of Expenses to Governance individuals within the Trust**

## **1. Introduction**

Those undertaking governance roles within the Trust may claim reimbursement of expenses for the following activities, provided those expenses are not being paid by any other party (such as an employer). Claims for any other expenses or queries about allowances should be discussed with the Trust Head of Corporate Governance or Local Governance Officer to the Local Monitoring Committee (LMC).

## **2. Allowances**

### **Travel**

Travel expenses to and from meetings, training events or other Trust business may be claimed. The mileage rate for the use of private vehicles will be paid at the rate of 45p/mile for travel undertaken within the County. Travel outside the County will be paid at the rate of 26p/mile. Alternatively, the cost of the second class rail fare will be reimbursed for train journeys. With the prior approval of the Chief Financial Officer (CFO), the cost of air travel may be claimed where this is more cost effective or appropriate in terms of time saved.

### **Subsistence**

Where those undertaking governance roles for the Trust are required to attend events at locations other than Trust premises the payment of overnight accommodation and other subsistence allowances may be claimed for actual expenditure incurred up to the maximum limits, currently:

Breakfast (departure before 7.00am)	£8.85
Lunch	£10.20
Evening meal	£15.00
Commercial Accommodation	£100.00
Overnight rate (staying with friends/relatives)	£19.00

### **Training Events**

With prior approval, the Trust may meet the costs of approved training courses and conferences attended by those undertaking governance roles for the Trust.

### **Childcare and Dependant Relatives**

The cost of engaging a non-family member to care for a child or dependant relative may be claimed for periods of absence on Trust business.

### **Administration**

Reasonable expenditure on postage, telephone calls, broadband, stationery, photocopying and similar expenses incurred in relation to Trust business will be reimbursed.

### **Additional Costs**

Any reasonable additional costs incurred due to a disability or health condition may be reimbursed.

## **3. Claims**

Claims for expenses must be made on an expense claim form and supported by appropriate invoices and receipts.