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I am responding to your request for information received 24 November 2020. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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,



Keshia Harvey
Information Governance Manager

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:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliff House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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

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Request:

Dear Sir/Madam,

I'm writing to request some information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Could you please provide me with the following information:

For the individual financial years 2012/13 through to 2019/2020 inclusive, how much was spent by your NHS Trust on legal costs for coroner's inquests.

This includes representation, preparation and counsel for staff appearing at inquests, as well as the money paid to legal firms for their time on inquest cases.

Could you provide this in an spreadsheet with the following cells:

Year	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/20
Cost								

Answer: The Trust has reviewed your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. We do not record this information in a specific field on our systems. In order to answer your question, staff would need to review each inquest the Trust has been notified of, establish if attendance was required and of those, whether the Trust had legal representation. The Trust would then need to establish costs for those inquests.

Therefore, the Trust is unable to comply with this particular part of your request as the cost of compliance and extracting your exact requirements would exceed the appropriate cost limit of £450 which is specified in Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This is based on a rate of £25 per hour, regardless of the rate of pay of any individual involved in the retrieval of requested information, and equates to 18 hours work.

If there is a specific time period you require information for, the Trust may be able to provide this.

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