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I am responding to your request for information received **2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022**. I am sorry for the delay in responding to your request. 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,



Lara Cousens  
Information Governance Manager – Information Rights

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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**Request:**

**Question 1: What much did your organisation spend on external legal advice for the years 2014/15 to 2020/21, split out annually?**

Answer: Please note the data is held in fiscal years in the accounting system, so Financial Year 2014/15 = Fiscal Year 2015 etc.

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>NON-PAY</b>
2015	83092.73
2016	98294.95
2017	77104.46
2018	67642.68
2019	44280.71
2020	142027
2021	117045.15
	<b>629487.68</b>

**Question 2: What is the cost of your in-house legal team for the years 2014/15 to 2020/21 split out annually?**

Answer: Please note the data is held in fiscal years in the accounting system, so Financial Year 2014/15 = Fiscal Year 2015 etc.

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>PAY</b>
2015	360,095
2016	194,496
2017	190,774
2018	205,611
2019	225,705
2020	281,611
2021	318,806
	<b>1,777,098</b>

**Question 3: How many staff work (FTEs) in your in-house legal team for the years 2014/15 to 2020/21 split out annually?**

Answer:

	Values	
Level 5	Funded Wte	Contract Wte
2014/15	8	8
2015/16	4	4
2016/17	4	4
2017/18	4	4
2018/19	4.4	4
2019/20	6	5
2020/21	6	6
Grand Total	36.4	35

**Question 4: How many CNST clinical negligence cases were reported to NHS Resolution for the years 2014/15 to 2020/21 split out annually?**

Answer:

2014/15	9
2015/16	5
2016/17	15
2017/18	10
2018/19	14
2019/20	12
2020/21	11

**Question 5: How much did the Trust have paid out to the victims in these cases for the years 2014/15 to 2020/21 split out annually?**

Answer: Please note the data is held in fiscal years in the accounting system, so Financial Year 2014/15 = Fiscal Year 2015 etc.

Comps Ex Gratia

Gen Losses + Sp Payments

<b>Subjective Class</b>	
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>NON-PAY</b>
2015	124384.02
2016	101662.31
2017	10842
2018	43475.95
2019	71060
2020	37693.81
2021	71229.84
	<b>460347.93</b>

Please note this does not take into account any payments made by NHS Resolution on behalf of the Trust. The Trust does not hold this information.

It only covers Ex Gratia compensation payments and general losses and special payments made on behalf of Legal + Consumer Affairs.

It is not possible for the Finance Department to determine the reasons for these payments since these are not recorded on the payment documentation.