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**Our reference: FOI DA4270**

I am responding to your request for information received **4<sup>th</sup> July 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,

Shuchi Joshi

Senior Information Governance Coordinator – 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:

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

Tel: 0303 123 1113  
Web: [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

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**Request:**

**Question 1: Total spend on legal services in 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22**



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**Chief Executive:** Paul Calaminus  
**Interim Chair:** Eileen Taylor

Answer:

Financial Year	Legal Services Spend
2019/20	£649,786.61
2020/21	£61,7681.96
2021/22	£664,399.39
Grand Total	£1,931,867.96

**Question 2: The names of the law firms you bought services from over that period**

Answer: East London NHS Foundation Trust bought services from Capsticks and Hempsons during 2019 – 2022.

**Question 3: A breakdown of the total spend by fees and settlement payments**

Answer: Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—  
(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and  
(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.

East London NHS Foundation Trust does not pay out on claims directly. The Trust pays NHS Resolution which is an NHS arm's length body that manages claims on behalf of NHS Trusts. NHS Resolution therefore pays out settlements and fees on behalf of the Trust. For more information on NHS Resolution, please see link:

<https://resolution.nhs.uk/>

Please note also that East London NHS Foundation Trust does not record all settlement payments centrally. Employment Tribunal settlement payments are funded through local budgets. In some circumstances costs to other law firms are also paid from local budgets and not managed centrally.

Therefore the Trust is unable to provide a response to this part of your request.

**Question 4: The means of procurement – e.g. a direct award, competitive tender, framework (including which framework you used), etc.**

Answer: Direct award via the SBS Legal Services Framework.