Thank you for your request concerning potential cases of clinical negligence.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

1. **What policy does the Trust have in place to identify, investigate and report potential cases of clinical negligence?**

   Please see our Legal Claims Policy which is attached.

2. **In the financial year 2015/16, how much did the Trust spend in-house on managing clinical negligence claims?**

   We are unable to identify in-house spend.

   We are members of both the NHSLA’s Clinical Negligence Scheme for Trusts and the Liabilities to Third Parties Scheme. All claims received are reported to the NHSLA via their Claims portal and are allocated to NHSLA Case Managers, who instruct panel solicitors as appropriate.

3. **In the financial year 2015/16, how much did the Trust spend in-house on managing all personal injury claims (e.g. clinical, employer’s/public liability etc.)?**

   Please see the answer to question 2.

4. **How many full-time equivalent staff within the Trust’s employment are responsible for managing clinical negligence claims? What is the total annual pay bill for these members of staff?**

   The Trust employs the following staff to manage clinical negligence and personal injury claims:
   - 0.67 WTE @ Band 7
   - 0.4 WTE @ Band 4

   These 2 members of staff spend part of their working time managing clinical negligence and personal injury claims, but have other areas of responsibility. It is not possible to break down how much of their working time is spent on managing claims.

5. **How many full-time equivalent staff within the Trust’s employment are responsible for managing all types of personal injury claim? What is the total annual pay bill for these members of staff?**
6. In total, how much did the Trust spend in 2015/16 on contracting outside providers (e.g. solicitors), other than the NHS LA, to deal with clinical negligence claims.

We did not contract any outside providers to deal with clinical negligence claims in 2015/16.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Please find enclosed an information sheet regarding copyright protection and the Trust’s complaints procedure in the event that you are not satisfied with the response.

Yours sincerely

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If you would like to complete a short survey in relation to your Freedom of Information request please scan the QR code below or click here.