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Thank you for your request concerning Legal Services spend.

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

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

	Legal Fees £
2019/20	216,953
2020/21	388,691
2021/22	450,708

In each year the amount given includes spend on NHS resolution membership including CNST and LTPS.

2. The names of the law firms you bought services from over that period

Capsticks
DAC Beachcroft
Clyde & Co
Hempsons
Bevan Brittan

3. A breakdown of the total spend by fees and settlement payments

Please see question 1 for Legal fees.

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

The Trust holds NHS Resolution membership (which is obtainable via a framework award) which covers:

- Non-clinical claims managed under the Liabilities to Third Parties Scheme (LTPS), with an excess of £10,000 for Employer Liability claims and an excess of £3,000 for Public Liability claims
- Clinical claims managed under the Clinical Negligence Scheme for Trusts (CNST), with full indemnity (i.e. £0 excess)

In addition to awarding to NHS Resolution under a framework, the Trust direct awards to a variety of providers of legal services depending on the necessary expertise for a particular area, or tenders if applicable. In most cases other than NHS Resolution the work is below the tender limit and as such we ensure best value for public money as per Trust SFIs.

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

Sue Smith

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Information Rights Officer

Enc: Copyright Protection and Complaints Procedure Information Leaflet.

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](#).

