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Subject: External Law Firms

Q1 What is your spend with external law firms

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Year	Total spend excluding VAT	Total spend including VAT
2019/2020	27,676	33,211
2020/2021	71,964	86,356

Q2 Do you use eBilling technology to manage your law firms billing (e.g. systems such as Legal Tracker, Brightflag, Apperio, CT Tymatrix, Mitrtech etc.)

A2 No, we don't use eBilling technology.

Q3 Who is your head of legal / general counsel

A3 Helen Martin, Patient Safety Lead, and Joan Matthews, Deputy Director of Nursing and Corporate Services, are over the trusts legal service internally.

Hill Dickinson provide legal counsel for clinical claims, Clyde and Co for non-clinical claims. These are nominated by our insurers NHSR who are financially and managerially responsible for claims.

Q4 Do you have a law firm panel / preferred supplier list / use a framework to buy your external law firm services

A4 Law Firm Panel - No
 Preferred Supplier List - No
 Framework - Both of the firms that we currently use are on framework agreements