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Subject: External Law Firm spend and billing

- Q1 What is your spend with external law firms (please provide for the last 4 financial years)?
- A1 2019/20 £20,791.13 2020/21 £101,525.10 2021/22 £128,690.80 2022/23 £328,019.14
- Q2 Do you use eBilling technology to manage your law firms billing (e.g. systems such as Legal Tracker, Brightflag, Apperio, CT Tymetrix, Mitratech etc.)?
- A2 No, the Trust receive invoices from law firms directly.
- Q3 Who is your head of legal / general counsel (please provide email address)?
- A3 Helen Martin Head of Risk, helen.martin@lhch.nhs.uk
- Q4 Do you have a law firm panel / preferred supplier list / use a framework to buy your external law firm services? Please provide details where possible.
- A4 Panel solicitors are instructed by NHS Resolution on behalf of the Trust for clinical and non-clinical negligence matters. Weightmans LLP are instructed for HR and employment matters. Hill Dickinson are instructed for any other legal queries.