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## Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to external law firm services.

You asked:

1. What is your spend with external law firms

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

3. Who is your head of legal / general counsel

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

Trust response:

1. Expenditure on Legal fees and services in 2020/21 - £285281 This excludes any expenditure which might have been incurred as part of capital projects.

2. We do not use eBilling technology.

- 3. Harbens Kaur, Trust Lawyer
- 4. We use frameworks for legal services normally LPP or CCS.