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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 Employment tribunal claims and costs.

You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust. I am requesting information from the following financial years: 2018/19; 2019/20; 2020/21; 2021/22; 2022/23; and 2023/24 to the present day. Please disclose the following:

1. How many employment tribunal (ET1) claims have been made against the organisation since 2018/19;

If possible, please break this down by type (e.g., public interest disclosure, unfair dismissal, discrimination). If this breakdown takes too long to respond to the FOI then please omit it.

2. Of those ET1 claims, how many have been defended against by the organisation since 2018/19;

Again, continue with a breakdown by type. If this exceeds the time limit then please omit it from the FOI request.

- 3. The outcomes from each claim (e.g., 12 were in favour of the claimant, 24 were in favour of the respondent, 53 were discontinued/settled out of court);
- 4. How much (£) has the organisation spent on defending claims since 2018/19: and

If possible, please provide total figures based on case outcomes (e.g., £200,000 where the tribunal favoured claimant, £120,000 where the tribunal favoured respondent).

If this takes too much time, please provide the total figure for each financial year (e.g., £500,000 in 2018/19, £250,000 in 2019/20).

5. Of the cases defended, how many led to an employment tribunal ruling the organisation must pay costs to the claimant;

If possible, please provide figures for each individual case alongside the total. If this takes too much time, please provide the total figure for each financial year (e.g., £500,000 in 2018/19, £250,000 in 2019/20).

Please also break this down by case type. However, as with above, if this takes too long then please omit it from the FOI.

If question 5 takes too long to answer alongside questions 1-4, then please omit it from the FOI request.

## Trust response:

- 1. 17 cases in total.
- 2. 17 cases

3.

Withdrawn – 3

Ongoing – 3

Settled – 3

Claimant's case dismissed - 6

Struck out – 2

4. £393,968.13 in total. Due to the very small number of cases further more detailed information will not be released.

5. £0.00