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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 4767

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 08th June 2021.

Your request was as follows:

What is your spend with external law firms

20/21 £184,578.44

19/20 £75,661.26

18/19 £25,775.27

17/18 £32,529.75

16/17 £120,326.83

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

[The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust doesn't use eBilling technology to manage law firms billing.](#)

Who is your head of legal / general counsel

[N/A](#)

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

[Framework - Health Trust Europe ref H.T.E 005448](#)

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 4767 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioners Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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