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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5898

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 24th August 2023.

Your request was as follows:

1. For each of the two financial years 21-22 and 22-23 how many investigations /reviews did your trust conduct into allegations of failings among individual members of your medical staff?

[The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust had 3 investigations/reviews into allegations of failings.](#)

2. For each of these investigations / reviews please state how much in total was spent engaging external private companies to assist in evidence gathering over allegations of failing among individual members of your medical staff? For clarity this excludes any input from public bodies such as the CQC or Royal Colleges or HSIB.

[I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 \(FOIA\) that we do not hold the information you have requested, as the invoice details provided for any services below are not distinguishable to individual investigations. Therefore, we cannot provide this information.](#)

3. For each of the financial years 2021-22 and 2022-23 how many, if any, non-disclosure agreements were signed by members of your medical staff?

[2 NDA's were signed by members of the medical staff.](#)

4. Of those NDA's signed, how many were agreed as part of a financial settlement?

[0 contractual payments only](#)

5. For each of the financial years 2021-22 and 2-22-23 what was the total sum the trust paid to staff in financial settlements which included NDA's?

[Nil contractual payments only](#)

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

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5898 in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely

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