

FOI REF: 23/345

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

- 1) Since the beginning of the calendar year 2023, how much has the trust spent on external management/business consultants, including commitments that cover the rest of the calendar year?**

£193k.

- 2) Since the beginning of the calendar year 2023, how much has the trust spent on fees to recruitment agencies, including commitments that cover the rest of the calendar year?**

The 2023 reported figure is £125,245.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

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Yours sincerely

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