

FOI REF: 23/571

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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) **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?**

Subsequent to your initial request you provided the following clarification and our response is shown below:

The word 'failings' is defined as any form of professional misconduct that could result in a disciplinary case.

Financial Year	Number of investigations
2021/22	3
2022/23	8

- 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.

Financial Year	Cost of external companies
2021/22	£17,000
2022/23	£25,755

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- 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?

Financial Year	NDA
2021/22	0
2022/23	0

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

Financial Year	NDA
2021/22	0
2022/23	0

- 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?

Financial Year	Total Sum
2021/22	0
2022/23	0

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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