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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:

Q1 I would like to know the total amount of trust spending on services by law firms for services related to maternity care or neonatal care (including non-legal services such as investigations and reviews) Please break these figures out by year.

2021	Not applicable.
2022	Not applicable.
2023	Not applicable.

Legal claims on East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (ESHT) are processed via NHS Resolution, no separate law firm services costs for ESHT maternity care or neonatal care.

Q2 Please indicate which law firms have supplied these services

Not applicable.

a. Give the total spending on each of the law firms from which the trust has purchased these services. Please break these figures out by year.

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

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Yours sincerely

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