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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on 14th April 2015.

You Asked for:

- **What does your organisation spend on legal fees e.g. external legal advice and what is the breakdown of fees and expenses**

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Groups total legal expenditure on legal fees is as follows:

Total Legal expenditure:

2013/14 £4,548.90

2014/15 £33,308.28

- **What is the breakdown of spend e.g. what percentage of work is completed on an hourly rate basis, capped fee, fixed fee etc.**

Unfortunately this information is not readily available on all invoices received by NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group.

- **Who in your organisation is responsible for managing external legal spend.**
The Director of Corporate Affairs is responsible for managing external legal spend within NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group.

- **What controls do you have in place to manage external legal counsel spend**
Case work is identified internally by NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group and are matched to invoices.

- **Do you use any of the eBilling (also known as Enterprise Legal Management or Legal Spend Management) tools (e.g. Serengetti, Mitrastech, CT Tymatrix, Datacert etc.) available in the market to manage your legal spend – if yes what are you**

currently paying for this system and does the vendor charge your firms to use the same.

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group does not use any of the above mentioned tools.

- **Do you use a matter management system and if yes how much do you pay for the system**

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group does not use a matter management system.

- **How do you decide if work is completed internally or by external counsel**

This is not applicable to NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group.

- **What performance management do you complete with your external legal counsel to ensure you are receiving value for money**

This is not applicable to NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group.

- **What is the breakdown of spend e.g. % of time billed by partner, by senior associate, junior associate, trainee and paralegals etc.**

This information is not available to NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group.

- **What is the breakdown of your legal spend by location e.g. how much work is performed in London, Manchester, Birmingham, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Cardiff, Belfast etc.**

The breakdown of NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Groups legal spend by location is as follows:

- 2013/14 - 100% Liverpool
- 2014/15 - 77% Liverpool, 14% London and 9% Manchester

- **How do you measure what value added services law firms provide to you (e.g. free advice, free training, free secondees etc.)**

This is not measured formally by NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group but we are able to access some free courses.

- **Do you use external consultants to advice on how to manage your legal spend more effectively. If yes, who and what have you spent with them in the last 12 months**

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group does not use external consultants to advice on how to manage legal spend more effectively.

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