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Dear

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 39861 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding:-

Public interest disclosure and employment tribunals

Your request is set out below:

1. How many individual cases regarding disclosures made under the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998 and/or whistleblowers have you fought at employment tribunals since 2015? Please include a year by year breakdown.

We have not fought any cases in an Employment Tribunal related to the Public Interest Disclosure Act or Whistleblowing.

2. How much has been spent on external lawyers and legal advice for Employment Tribunal Litigation pertaining to public interest disclosures in the past five years? Please include a year by year breakdown. Please can you include the name(s) of the law firm(s) and barristers involved and itemise how much was spent on each?

We have not sought or paid for any legal advice in the last 5 years on matters pertaining to public interest disclosures.

3. How many ongoing cases are there pertaining to the above and in which year did they start?

There are no current legal cases outstanding pertaining to the above.

4. What is the longest ongoing case relating to any of the above and what has been the cost of this to date?

As per above responses there have not been any.

5. How may 'guardians' has the trust employed each year since 2015 to date? Please provide a breakdown for each.

2015: 0 2016: 0 2017: 1 2018: 1 2019: 1 2020: 1 2021: 1

2022 / 2023: 1, which is supplied via an external provider

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of The Information Governance Department