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Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Dear FOI team. I would be most grateful if you would respond to my FOI request which the BBC is making to all NHS hospital trusts in England.

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?

This has been interpreted as investigation/reviews regarding capability. The Trust has undertaken 1 informal review and 1 formal Maintaining High Professional Standards Investigation into Capability

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.

The only external agency we have engaged or sought advice from would have been PPA or the GMC but we have not engaged any external investigators

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?

None

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

N/A

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?

N/A

The information I am asking for is similar to a previous FOI I have received from hospitals in the SW(see attachment) . But we have decided to only ask for the two most recent years in order to make my request less onerous as I am aware of how many requests you have to deal with and the time it takes.

If you are encountering practical difficulties with complying with this request, please could you contact me as soon as possible, in line with your section 16 duty to advise and assist requesters, so that we can discuss the matter and if necessary I can modify the request.

The BBC intends to publish a full list and details of each response.

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