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

I am writing to make a free of charge, open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Could you please send me the following information:

What is your spend with external law firms (please provide for the last 4 financial years)
 2020 – 2024 £1,704,920.57

Year	Legal costs
2021	211,991.02
2022	554,090.84
2023	398,635.02
2024 - M1-M11	570,129.44

 Do you use eBilling technology to manage your law firms billing (e.g. systems such as Legal Tracker, Brightflag, Apperio, CT Tymetrix, Mitratech etc.)
 No

• Who is your Head of Legal *or G*eneral Counsel (please provide email address)

Who is your Head of Procurement (please provide email address)

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 Do you have a law firm panel / preferred supplier list / use a framework to buy your external law firm services. Please provide details were possible.

Mini competition through the NOE CPC contract

Could you please return the information to me via email?