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Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information

Thank you for your request for information received on 16 December 2019 in relation to the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (Trust). We are dealing with your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You requested information regarding the payment of legal fees. Specifically you requested information as follows:

I am looking for information about payments made by the Trust to the legal firm Hill Dickinson LLP. Please could you provide me with the following:

How much money has the Trust paid to legal firm Hill Dickinson LLP from 2007/8 to 2014/15?

Please could you break the information down by financial year (2007/8, 2008/9, 2009/10, 2010/11, 2011/12, 2012/13, 2013/14, 2014/15), and state the specific reason for payments, as well as broadly setting out a category for it – NHS contracts, estates/property sales, commissioning, PFI, outsourcing, commercial and procurement, clinical negligence, pharmacy etc.?

County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust replies:

The Trust has not made any payments to Hill Dickinson LLP during the time period specified. All payments in respect of clinical negligence are made via NHS Resolution. If you wish to contact the NHS Resolution in accordance with Section 16 of the Act (duty to provide advice and assistance) you can contact the Head of non-clinical claims via the following email address: steven.chahla@resolution.nhs.uk.
Tel: 020 7811 2704.



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In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust website.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me on the above telephone number or at the above address.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by writing to:

The Chief Executive
County Durham & Darlington NHS Foundation Trust
Darlington Memorial Hospital
Hollyhurst Road
Darlington
DL3 6HX

If, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.gov.uk.

There is no charge for making an appeal.

Yours sincerely

Joanna Tyrrell
Freedom of Information Officer