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RE: Freedom of Information Request

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10th October 2023

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With reference to your request for information received on 21 September 2023, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

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.

None

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.

None

Please can you include the name(s) of the law firm(s) and barristers involved and itemise how much was spent on each?

N/A

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

None

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

None

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

We have employed one FTSU guardian each year throughout the period.

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If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can apply to the Information Commissioner's Office, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Act and can require us to remedy any problems. Generally, the Information Commissioner's Office cannot decide unless you have exhausted the internal review procedure. You can find out more about how to do this, and about the Act in general, on the Information Commissioner's Office website at: <https://ico.org.uk/your-data-matters/official-information/>.

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Yours sincerely

Information Governance Team

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