

## Title External Legal Services

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

- 1. What is your spend with external law firms (please provide for the last 4 financial years)*

Answer:

East and North Services	
2021	213,623
21/22	107,187
22/23	198,230
23/24 - (April-Feb)	424,049

- 2. Do you use eBilling technology to manage your law firms billing (e.g. systems such as Legal Tracker, Brightflag, Apperio, CT Tymetrix, Mitrastech etc.)*

Answer: No.

- 3. Who is your Head of Legal or General Counsel (please provide email address)*

- 4. Who is your Head of Procurement (please provide email address)*

Answer: For questions 3 and 4 - The Trust does not release the names of staff below a Director under Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Personal Information, where disclosure may contravene the Data Protection Act 2018 and therefore applies an exemption under Section 40 (2) - Personal Information of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Section 10 of the Data Protection Act 2018.

The Executive Director responsible for Legal Service is Adrian Harris. The main hospitals contact numbers are 01392 411611 (eastern services) and 01271 322577 (northern services) or via the Trust 'Contact Us' link on [royaldevon.nhs.uk](http://royaldevon.nhs.uk)

The Executive Director responsible for Procurement is Andy Clark. The main hospitals contact numbers are 01392 411611 (eastern services) and 01271 322577 (northern services) or via the Trust 'Contact Us' link on [royaldevon.nhs.uk](http://royaldevon.nhs.uk)

Where contact details are given for Trust staff in this response, notice is hereby given, under Section 11 of the Data Protection Act 2018, on behalf of the individual or individuals that this personal information may not be used for the purposes of direct marketing.

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

Answer: We use different law firms for several types of legal work.

The law firm we use for almost all of our healthcare legal work is determined by our NHS Resolution-allocated Panel law firm. Our Panel law firm is DAC Beacroft.