

Legal Services Spend

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response, in **blue bold text** below:

Royal Devon's Eastern FOI Office Response

1. Total spend on legal services in 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22.

2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Total
£749,186	£450,717	£526,669	£1,726,572

2. The names of the law firms you bought services from over that period.

ASHFORDS LLP
AWH LEGAL SOLICITORS
BEVAN BRITTAN LLP
CLARION SOLICITORS LIMITED
DAC BEACHCROFT LLP
DLA PIPER UK LLP
EVERYS SOLICITORS
FOOT ANSTEY LLP Plymouth
FOOT ANSTEY SOLICITORS (EXETER)
GELDARDS LLP
GOODMAN RAY SOLICITORS
JF LAW LTD SOLICITORS
KEOGHS LLP
MICHELMORES LLP
MUSTOE SHORTER SOLICITORS AND ADVOCATES
NASH AND CO SOLICITORS LLP
RUNDLE WALKER SOLICITORS
SIMPSON MILLAR SOLICITORS
STEPHENS SCOWN LLP
THOMPSONS SOLICITORS
THOMPSONS SOLICITORS (CARDIFF)
THOMPSONS SOLICITORS 3090 ACCOUNT
WILKES PARTNERSHIP SOLICITORS
WIXTED AND CO SOLICITORS

3. A breakdown of the total spend by fees and settlement payments

NHS Resolution would provide the information. FOI requests should be made to: nhsr.foi@nhs.net

4. The means of procurement – e.g. a direct award, competitive tender, framework (including which framework you used), etc.

The Legal Dept liaise with solicitors appointed by NHSR. The NHSR FOI team would be able confirm their methods of procurement.

Most legal services for non-claims work are for small requirements and thus below the national procurement threshold. They are usually appointed by direct award or via framework agreements. The Trust would not be able to identify the specific framework agreements because the information is not formally kept (being below-threshold) so would require an investigation needing more than 18 hours of work.