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With reference to your FOI request that was received in connection with 'NHS Litigation Authority Data' please see response below.

The latest NHS Litigation Authority data for 2013/14 shows figures for three payments paid under the Clinical Negligence Scheme for Trusts (CNST) in 2013/14.

For CNST, they are:

- Defence costs (i.e. the fees for the trust's lawyers)
- Claimant costs (i.e. the fees met by the trust for the claimant's legal fees)
- Damages

Please would you tell me:

1. The top five law firms paid by your trust in defence costs by total amount in 2013/14 and 2014/15. Please total together all payments for each year into one figure for each firm, and supply me with the top five. That should leave two figures, one for each financial year.
2. The top five law firms paid by your trust in claimant costs by total amount in 2013/14 and 2014/15. As with question one, please total together all payments that year into one figure for each firm, and supply me with the top five. That should leave two figures, one for each financial year.

The Trust does not hold this information as it is managed by the NHSLA.

The NHSLA act on behalf of the Trust and make payments to the solicitors.

The NHSLA holds the list of all approved solicitors who act on their behalf.

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