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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/012760 – Spend on solicitors

Services provided to The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust by Mills and Reeve LLP
Please disclose in relation to the past 5 years:

a) The trust's total spend on services by Mills and Reeve LLP (whether these relate to legal services, investigations, training, sub-contracting consultants or investigators or any other services).

Year	1112	1213	1314	1415	1516
Mills & Reeves	4,621	19,342	146,114	212,782	140,333

b) What proportion of this total amount has been spent in cases where staff members had previously made public interest disclosures and how many such cases were handled by Mills and Reeve LLP.

The total spend has been given because the information is not broken down to the level the requester is asking for on computer, every invoice used would have to be tracked and looked through manually which would take longer than the statutory time set for Freedom of Information requests (cost exceeds appropriate limit 12(1)).

d) How many of these cases involving Mills and Reeve LLP in which staff members had previously made public interest disclosures ended in dismissal of the staff concerned.

Unable to answer as relates to question b.

e) How many trust compromise agreements has Mills and Reeve LLP handled in the last 5 years.

This information is not centrally held and would be kept on staff personal files