

Freedom of Information Request

Reference Number: EPUT.FOI.23.2861
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Information Requested:

1. How many staff did your organisation employ in the following years?

| Year | *TOTAL Staff in post |
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| From 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 | The Trust believes that this information is publicly available on the https://eput.nhs.uk/media/qpthnlvi/eput-annual-account-report-2018-19-final-lores.pdf Page 63 website and therefore is applying a Section 21 exemption of the Act (Information accessible to applicant by other means): |
| From 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 | The Trust believes that this information is publicly available on the https://eput.nhs.uk/media/igilifsu/eput-annual-report-2019-20-final-02072020.pdf Page 64 website and therefore is applying a Section 21 exemption of the Act (Information accessible to applicant by other means): |
| From 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 | The Trust believes that this information is publicly available on the https://eput.nhs.uk/media/exjjini5/essex-partnership-university-trust-report-and-accounts-2021-final.pdf Page 64 website and therefore is applying a Section 21 exemption of the Act (Information accessible to applicant by other means): |
| From 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 | The Trust believes that this information is publicly available on the https://eput.nhs.uk/media/pk0lnk0v/essex-partnership-university-nhs-foundation-trust-annual-report-and-accounts-2021_22.pdf Page 66 website and therefore is applying a Section 21 exemption of the Act (Information accessible to applicant by other means): |
| From 1st April 2022 to date | The Trust is currently in process of completing the Annual Report for 2022/2023. However whilst these are not currently published they will be in the near future. The Trust is therefore applying exemption Section 22 of the Freedom of Information act, this exemptions is for information that is intended to be published in the future. |

2. How much did your organisation pay the external suppliers of legal services for the provision of legal services in each of the following years?

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| From 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 | £444,278 |
| From 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 | £220,885 |
| From 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 | £365,167 |
| From 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 | £362,503 |
| From 1st April 2022 to date | £624,213 |

*Please note response includes paid invoices only

3. How much did your organisation spend on your in-house legal department in the following years?

We are unable to respond to the above question as Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust does not have an in-house legal department. However, we can provide the

response below and this is based on our Legal Services Team obtaining the 'Provision of Legal Advice'.

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| From 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 | £142,400 |
| From 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 | £135,575 |
| From 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 | £167,752 |
| From 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 | £142,909 |
| From 1st April 2022 to date | £122,180 |

4. How many claims (clinical and non-clinical negligence) did your organisation receive in each of the following years?

- From 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019
- From 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020
- From 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021
- From 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022
- From 1st April 2022 to date

In cases relating to clinical negligence, employer's liability and public liability claims, the Trust is a member of the NHS Resolution Indemnity Scheme.

NHS Resolution provides claims management on behalf of the NHS in England.

As such the Trust is not directly liable for, and does not record fees/settlements information for specific claims, this information can be requested from NHS Resolution's website at the following link; <https://resolution.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/>. We would advise looking at the NHS resolution resource page at the following link

<https://resolution.nhs.uk/resources>, they publish information regarding the Trust's claims data. You may be able to find the information within the documents, we would suggest looking at Factsheet 5 at the following link

https://resolution.nhs.uk/resources/?fwp_resources_type=factsheet. Factsheet 5 will cover basic information, financial information, claims information, information on individual trusts assessment levels and information on individual trusts experience in the latest financial year. Therefore The Trust is applying a Section 21 exemption of the Act (Information accessible to applicant by other means).

5. How many inquests (in which your organisation was involved) were concluded in the following years?

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| From 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 | 62 |
| From 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 | 65 |
| From 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 | 61 |
| From 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 | 61 |
| From 1st April 2022 to date | 52 |

6. How much did your organisation pay the external suppliers of legal services for the provision of legal support at inquests?

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| From 1st April 2018 to 31st March 2019 | £21,846 |
| From 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020 | £37,192 |
| From 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021 | £28,333 |
| From 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022 | £128,780 |
| From 1st April 2022 to date | £247,714 |

Applied Exemption:

Section 21: Information accessible to applicant by other means.

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—

(a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and

(b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

Publication Scheme:

As part of the Freedom of Information Act all public organisations are required to proactively publish certain classes of information on a Publication Scheme. A publication scheme is a guide to the information that is held by the organisation. EPUT's Publication Scheme is located on its Website at the following link <https://eput.nhs.uk>