

Information Governance Department

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Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

I am interested in understanding the spending of NHS Trusts on management consulting services in the past five years.

For the purpose of clarity, 'management consulting services' are defined as any external advisory services provided to support decision making and strategic planning, change management, operational efficiency, and other related areas.

Specifically, I am requesting the following information:

1. Total expenditure on management consulting services for each year within the past five years within your trust.

2018 - £198,091

2019 - £20,318

2020 - £65,161

2021 - Zero

2022 - £153, 248

2. The names of the consulting firms that were contracted, if this does not breach any privacy or contractual clauses.

Chrystal Consulting Ltd - Lease novation's DTZ Debenham Tie Leung Ltd - Estate valuations QE Facilities Ltd – Advice on aborted formation of WWL Solutions FM company Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP – Legal advice on aborted formation of WWL Solutions FM company

3. The specific areas or projects for which these consulting services were employed.

Please see response to question 3 above.

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Yours sincerely,

Tabitha Gardner

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Chief Finance Officer

PLEASE NOTE:

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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