

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Thursday 21st September 2023. I am pleased to confirm the following.

How many individual cases regarding disclosures made under the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998 and/or whistleblowers have you fought at employment tribunals since 2015? Please include a year-by-year breakdown.

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How much has been spent on external lawyers and legal advice for Employment Tribunal Litigation pertaining to public interest disclosures in the past five years? Please include a year-by-year breakdown.

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Please can you include the name(s) of the law firm(s) and barristers involved and itemise how much was spent on each?

N/A

How many ongoing cases are there pertaining to the above and in which year did they start?

N/A

What is the longest ongoing case relating to any of the above and what has been the cost of this to date?

N/A

How many 'guardians' has the trust employed each year since 2015 to date? Please provide a breakdown for each.

Guardians were only put in place from 2016 because of the Mid-Staff enquiry outcomes. At MKUH two Guardians were appointed in 2016 who were 'part-time', fitting the role into their usual jobs.

In 2019 there was one Guardian appointed who was required to fit the role into their full-time working hours.

During the 2022 the Lead Guardian reduced their main role to 4 days a week and had one day per week as a paid Guardian.

The total at the end of 2022 equated to 3 full days of Guardian time.

It has been the same 5 Guardians since 2019 (the Current Lead) and subsequent four added in 2021, plus the original two making 7 Guardians in total.

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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