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Dear

**Re: Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**  
**Ref no: FOI-2879-LSC**

Thank you for your request dated 31 January 2023.

We can confirm that the ICB does hold the information you requested.

Please find our response to your questions below:

Q1	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>All external providers of legal services to the ICB?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p>The ICB is able to access legal services from the following:</p> <p><a href="#">Legal Services Framework Agreement   NHS Commercial Solutions (commercialsolutions-sec.nhs.uk)</a></p> <p>The services of the following external providers (which have incurred costs) have been used by the ICB since July 2022:</p> <p><b>Hill Dickinson LLP</b> <b>Hempsons</b> <b>Mills &amp; Reeve LLP</b></p>
Q2	<p>Your Question:</p> <p>How much were you charged for those legal services in the last financial year in which the figures are available?</p> <p>Our Response:</p> <p><b><u>July-December 2022:</u></b> <b>Hill Dickinson LLP - £178,036.54</b> <b>Hempsons - £17,355.05</b> <b>Mills &amp; Reeve LLP - £5,954.85</b></p>

**January 2023:**

**Hill Dickinson LLP - £23,786.98**

**Hempsons - £19,137.05**

**Mills & Reeve LLP - £0**

## **Right of Appeal**

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.

## **To request an internal review**

You can request this by contacting the FOI team by email at [MLCSU.FOITeam@nhs.net](mailto:MLCSU.FOITeam@nhs.net) or by post to Jubilee House, Lancashire Business Park, Leyland, PR26 6TR, specifying why you require a review.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the CCGs FOI complaints procedure. The ICO can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF  
[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

**On behalf of Kevin Lavery  
ICB Chief Executive**