

FOI 0290/2023 Response

Clarification: "Guardians" is referring to Freedom to Speak up Guardians. Do you have any or equivalents? And if so, how many are employed by the trust in each of the years since

1. 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.

None.

2. 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.

None.

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

Not applicable.

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

None.

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

Not applicable.

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

From November 2020 there were 2 Freedom To Speak Up (FTSU) Guardians on a 0.6WTE.

From April/May 2021 this reduced to 1 FTSU Guardian on a 0.6WTE which then increased from May 2022 to a 0.8 WTE.

In May 2022, an additional FTSU Guardian was employed on 1 WTE.

From January 2023 the 0.8 FTSU Guardian role was increased to a x WTE resulting in 2 WTE in post currently.

Please note that the Trust is unable to provide data prior to November 2020. This is because the information is not available as the role of a FTSU Guardian during the noted time period was incorporated into the Trust's Company Secretary's role.