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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for Information

I write further to your request FOI ID 46932 under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding: -

Trust Spend on Lawyers and Legal Fees – Last 5 Years

Your request is set out below:

In the last five financial years, from 2019/20 to 2023/24, how much has your trust spent on lawyers and legal fees? I would be looking for a summary breakdown of the spending. This would be for example in litigation, employment matters (e.g. employee/employer disputes), cross-examining witnesses at inquests and any other relevant tasks.

Financial Year	Healthcare Law	Employment Law	Commercial Property Law	NHS Governance and Public Law	Mental Health Law	Contract and Commercial Law
19/20	£51,830	£13,250	N/A	£1,980	N/A	N/A
20/21	£31,620	£83,310	£13,740	£1,610	N/A	N/A
21/22	£61,920	£34,270	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
22/23	£36,430	£20,660	£3,650	N/A	N/A	£6,460
23/24	£113,760	£18,560	£14,100	N/A	£1,950	£6,210

The Kent and Medway Partnership Trust engages lawyers for legal advice and representation at court hearings.

Healthcare law includes inquests and Court of Protection cases. The financial costs associated with these processes can vary based on their duration and complexity.

Commercial Property Law: The expenses for this reporting period include lease renewals that were part of the trust's planned expenditures.

The Trust do not pay legal fees for civil claims as this is covered by NHS Resolution.

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Trust Chair – Dr Jackie Craissati
Chief Executive – Sheila Stenson

I confirm that the information above completes your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I am also pleased to confirm that no charge will be made for this request.

If you have any questions or concerns or are unhappy with the response provided or the service you have received you can write to the Head of Information Governance at the address on top of this letter. If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Yours Sincerely

On Behalf of
The Information Governance Department