

Reference:	FOI.4598.20
Subject:	Amount spent on legal fees for coroner's inquests
Date of Request:	24 November 2020

Requested:

For the individual financial years 2012/13 through to 2019/2020 inclusive, how much was spent by your NHS Trust on legal costs for coroner's inquests.

This includes representation, preparation and counsel for staff appearing at inquests, as well as the money paid to legal firms for their time on inquest cases.

Could you provide this in a spreadsheet with the following cells:

Year	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/20
Cost								

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with the information requested, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the "appropriate level" as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. The "appropriate level" represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours or (2 ½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

In order to provide you with the information being requested, the UHB would need to undertake a manual search of all inquests to identify any information that fulfils your request for the periods requested.

Therefore, the UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI), which provides an exemption from a public authority's obligation to comply with a request for information, where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit.