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## **Public money paid to Private Law Firms**

### **1. How much public money has been paid to Elliott's private law firm in Belfast from 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2024 to present, per financial year?**

Belfast Trust is not aware of a firm called 'Elliott's private law firm'. If further clarification can be given we will review.

### **2. How much of this has been to provide legal cover for industrial tribunals**

N/A

### **3. Please advise of any other private law firm in terms of amount paid per financial year for the same time period.**

This would be deemed commercially sensitive for two reasons:

1. Information could be used to trace and calculate rates of pay on cases and to firms.
2. The information could inadvertently be used to calculate payments made to individual claimants.

### **4. Which cost centre code was used to pay for these invoices and specifically which Directorate and Specialty?**

In circumstances where invoices are approved and paid, the cost centre used is related to the source of the claim.

### **5. Which budget holder authorised the payment.**

Approval of payments are made in line with the Trust's delegated authority and authorisation framework.