

**9<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

**BY EMAIL**

**Our Ref: FOI 1523**

Dear [REDACTED],

Your request for information was received on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2021 and was dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please be advised that the Business Services Organisation (BSO) has now completed its search for the information you requested with regards to settlement payments.

The BSO understands that you are seeking the information requested in relation to litigation involving 11 Plaintiffs against the Northern Health and Social Care Trust (NHSCT). The Trust was represented by the Directorate of Legal Services which is part of the BSO. The Defendant, through its solicitors in the Directorate of Legal Services has paid a total of £416, 266.45 in respect of damages and all associated costs for 11 Plaintiffs. In relation to the associated costs paid, this relates to professional fees for the Plaintiffs' solicitors, Junior and Senior Counsel as well as all outlay which includes medical reports and court costs.

I hope that the information provided assists you. If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter.

In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to

Information Governance Manager,  
2 Franklin Street,  
Belfast,  
BT2 8DQ

If, following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision making panel, you remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request, you may make a complaint under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to



the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the BSO has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act.

You can contact Information Commissioner at:

**Website:** [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)  
**Phone:** 0303 123 1113  
**Email:** [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)  
**Post:** Information Commissioner's Office  
3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place  
Belfast  
BT7 2JB

In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out. However the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Karen Bailey".

**Karen Bailey**  
Acting Chief Executive