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Dear Requestor

Request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

On 1st July 2020 you sent a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to legal expenditure. I now provide this information as an attachment.

I trust that this is the information you require and that your request has been fully discharged.

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If you have queries about this response, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

Signature Removed

Paddy Baker
Data Protection Officer
NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group

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Q1:

In the year 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 what was your expenditure for external legal support?

Response:

	2018/2019	2019/2020
Expenditure for external legal support	£379,565	£235,594

Q2:

What is this as a proportion of your overall budget?

Response:

	2018/2019	2019/2020
Proportion of your overall budget	0.0314%	0.0186%

Q3:

Do you have any qualified legal professionals in your organisation and, if so, what are their job titles?

Response:

NHS Dorset CCG does not have any qualified legal professionals within the CCG since our Governing Body Secretary and General Counsel retired at the end of December 2019. The CCG currently use external legal advisors.