

Freedom of Information request reference number: 8738.1

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Request:

Could you please send me the following information:

- *What is your spend with external law firms (please provide for the last 4 financial years)*
- *Do you use eBilling technology to manage your law firms billing (e.g. systems such as Legal Tracker, Brightflag, Apperio, CT Tymetrix, Mitrates etc.)*
- *Who is your Head of Legal or General Counsel (please provide email address)*
- *Who is your Head of Procurement (please provide email address)*
- *Do you have a law firm panel / preferred supplier list / use a framework to buy your external law firm services. Please provide details were possible.*

Response:

- **What is your spend with external law firms (please provide for the last 4 financial years)**

2023/2024	£1,389,748 *
2022/2023	£1,734,321 *
2021/2022	£3,195,226 *
2020/2021	£2,851,760 *

*These totals include legal costs and representation in respect of the Grenfell Tower Inquiry.

- **Do you use eBilling technology to manage your law firms billing (e.g. systems such as Legal Tracker, Brightflag, Apperio, CT Tymetrix, Mitrates etc.)**

No, we do not use eBilling technology.

- **Who is your Head of Legal or General Counsel (please provide email address)**

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- **Who is your Head of Procurement (please provide email address)**

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- **Do you have a law firm panel / preferred supplier list / use a framework to buy your external law firm services. Please provide details were possible.**

Yes, Solicitors and Barristers Frameworks set up by the London Boroughs' Legal Alliance (LBLA).

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request on our website: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/request-information-from-us>