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REQUEST

I would be most grateful if you would respond to my FOI request which the BBC is making to all NHS hospital Trusts in England.

1. For each of the two financial years 2021-22 and 2022-23 how many investigations / reviews did your Trust conduct into allegations of failings among individual members of your medical staff?
2. For each of these investigations / reviews please state how much in total was spent engaging external private companies to assist in evidence gathering over allegations of failing among individual members of your medical staff? For clarity this excludes any input from public bodies such as the CQC or Royal Colleges or HSIB.
3. For each of the financial years 2021-22 and 2022-23 how many, if any, non-disclosure agreements were signed by members of your medical staff?
4. Of those NDA's signed, how many were agreed as part of a financial settlement?
5. For each of the financial years 2021-22 and 2022-23 what was the total sum the Trust paid to staff in financial settlements which included NDA's?

The word 'failings' is defined as any form of professional misconduct that could result in a disciplinary case.

RESPONSE

St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust and Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust became a single legal entity known as Mersey and West Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust on 1st July 2023, as such parts of the response may be provided in two sections relating to the hospital sites of each of the legacy organisations.

1. For each of the two financial years 2021-22 and 2022-23 how many investigations / reviews did your Trust conduct into allegations of failings among individual members of your medical staff?

	2021/22	2022/23
St Helens and Knowsley Sites	8	14
Southport and Ormskirk Sites	0	0

2. For each of these investigations / reviews please state how much in total was spent engaging external private companies to assist in evidence gathering over allegations of failing among individual members of your medical staff? For clarity this excludes any input from public bodies such as the CQC or Royal Colleges or HSIB.

	2021/22	2022/23
St Helens and Knowsley Sites	0	0
Southport and Ormskirk Sites	0	0

3. For each of the financial years 2021-22 and 2022-23 how many, if any, non-disclosure agreements were signed by members of your medical staff?

	2021/22	2022/23
St Helens and Knowsley Sites	0	0
Southport and Ormskirk Sites	0	0

4. Of those NDA's signed, how many were agreed as part of a financial settlement?

N/A

5. For each of the financial years 2021-22 and 2022-23 what was the total sum the Trust paid to staff in financial settlements which included NDA's?

	2021/22	2022/23
St Helens and Knowsley Sites	0	0
Southport and Ormskirk Sites	0	0