

## Freedom of Information Request

**Reference Number:** EPUT.FOI.23.3153  
**Date Received:** 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023

**Information Requested:**

Please accept this as a Freedom of Information request.

1. How many individual cases regarding disclosures made under the Public Interest Disclosure Act 1998 and/or whistle-blowers have you fought at employment tribunals since 2015?

Please include a year by year breakdown.

N/A

2. How much has been spent on external lawyers and legal advice for Employment Tribunal Litigation pertaining to public interest disclosures in the past five years?

Please include a year by year breakdown.

N/A

3. Please can you include the name(s) of the law firm(s) and barristers involved and itemise how much was spent on each?

N/A

4. How many ongoing cases are there pertaining to the above and in which year did they start?

N/A

5. What is the longest ongoing case relating to any of the above and what has been the cost of this to date?

N/A

6. How many 'guardians' has the trust employed each year since 2015 to date? Please provide a breakdown for each.

The response provided below has been provided from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 when EPUT was formed

Year	Role	FTE	People Employed
01/04/2017 – 31/12/2017	Principle Freedom to speak up guardian	0	0
01/01/2018 – 31/12/2018	Principle Freedom to speak up guardian	0	0
01/01/2019 – 31/12/2019	Principle Freedom to speak up guardian	0	0
01/01/2020 –	Principle Freedom to	1	1

31/12/2020	Speak Up Guardian		
01/01/2021 – 31/12/2021	Principle Freedom to Speak Up Guardian	1	1
01/01/2022 – 31/12/2022	Principle Freedom to Speak Up Guardian	0	0
01/01/2023 – To date	Principle Freedom to Speak Up Guardian	1	2*

\*In 2023 EPUT has employed 2 Principal F2SU Guardians these have been successive appointments – Only one guardian has been employed at any one time.\*

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