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Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

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Date request received	10/10/2018
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Information requested:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to know please:

1. How many cases of internal protected disclosure (whistle-blowing) relating to operational health care have been investigated by your Trust over the past 2 fiscal years? (broken down by fiscal year)
2. How many of the cases investigated were deemed malicious or vexatious in nature?
3. How many claims were made by employees against your Trust?
 1. What were the total management costs for those claims? (broken down by fiscal year)
 2. What were the total legal costs for those claims?
 3. What was the total in damages awarded for those claims?
4. How many financial settlements were made and what was the total cost for those settlements?

Information provided for the answer:

Thank you for your email dated 10th October 2018.

1. How many cases of internal protected disclosure (whistle-blowing) relating to operational health care have been investigated by your Trust over the past 2 fiscal years? (broken down by fiscal year)

Response

In January 2018 the all Wales Procedure for NHS Staff to Raise Concerns was formally adopted by Public Health Wales. This all Wales policy replaced the 'Procedure for NHS Staff to Raise Concerns' which was approved by the Trust's Board in April 2015

Prior to the adoption of the all Wales procedure in January 2018 no central record of "internal protected disclosure (whistle-blowing)" cases was held. Therefore we do not hold the information for the past 2 fiscal years

A central register was implemented in January 2018 to record all stage 2 and above concerns. In Q4 of 2017/18 there were less than 5 concerns raised.

2. How many of the cases investigated were deemed malicious or vexatious in nature?

Response

No cases were deemed malicious or vexatious in nature.

3. How many claims were made by employees against your Trust?

1. What were the total management costs for those claims? (broken down by fiscal year)
2. What were the total legal costs for those claims?
3. What was the total in damages awarded for those claims?

Response

We hold no record of claims made by employees against the Trust under the Procedure for NHS Staff to Raise Concerns.

4. How many financial settlements were made and what was the total cost for those settlements?

Response

We hold no record of financial settlements made under the Procedure for NHS Staff to Raise Concerns.

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