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**Request for Information: Ref NCC-032824-18**

**Amount of money the council spent on the services of external law firms and barristers**

Thank you for your request for information relating to the amount of money the council spent on the services of external law firms and barristers. I can now let you have the following information in response to the question you raised.

**I would like to know the amount of money the council spent on the services of external law firms and barristers in the last year (year ending March 31 2018).**

The total spent by the Council on external legal firms and barristers in 2017/18 was £1,873,609.27

Of this, the Council arranged payments to Barristers of £523,542.73 and External Legal firms of £1,350,066.54. Please note that some payments to external legal firms may have included fees paid to barristers they instructed on the Council's behalf which are not recorded separately in the Council's payment systems. Also, a proportion of the payments to external legal firms are funded by the Council's insurers.

We hope this now satisfies your request, and should you have any further enquiries please do not hesitate to contact me directly using the contact details below. In addition and for future reference Nottinghamshire County Council regularly publish previous Freedom of Information Requests and answers on our website, under Disclosure logs, available at the following link:

<http://site.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/thecouncil/democracy/freedom-of-information/disclosure-log/>

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Yours sincerely

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