

**Reference:** FOI 32806 BUCKS 14Y

**Subject:** Legal Department

*I can confirm that the CCG does hold the information requested; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p><b>1. Which department or departments are responsible for overseeing legal affairs when your CCG is a party to a Legal Hearing e.g. Legal Services, HR? Legal Hearings such as those brought against or for the CCG – (high court, coroners court, criminal proceedings), or more internal matters e.g. Employment Tribunal</b></p>	<p>If these circumstances arise:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Finance Department and Continuing Care Commissioning Team seek advice from NHS panel solicitors in relation to continuing healthcare as a statutory NHS CCG duty.</li> <li>2) Integrated commissioning function operated with the Local Authority seeks advice from local authority panel solicitors.</li> <li>3) Finance Department oversees contract sub-arrangements with NHS South Central and West Commissioning Support Unit for employment legal issues and advice on appointment of employment lawyers through panel solicitors to support employment tribunals.</li> </ol> <p>The Finance Team oversees Indemnity arrangements associated with legal affairs</p>
<p><b>2. Please can you provide the name and contact details of the people overseeing this department(s)?</b></p>	<p>Kate Holmes, Interim Chief Finance Officer  <a href="mailto:bucksccg@nhs.net">bucksccg@nhs.net</a></p>
<p><b>3. Within this department(s), please, can you provide the details of staff who are responsible for day-to-day managing of the following legal areas; Commercial Litigation, Crime, Crime-Fraud, Employment, Intellectual Property, Litigation General.</b></p>	<p>Chief Finance Officer and deputies</p>

<p><b>4. Which department or departments are responsible for managing/supporting staff who are giving evidence at a legal hearing i.e. providing time off to attend court or providing support with training.</b></p>	<p>Human Resources sub-contracted to NHS South Central and West Commissioning Support Unit</p>
<p><b>5. Please can you provide the name and contact details of the people overseeing this department(s)?</b></p>	<p>Kate Holmes, Interim Chief Finance Officer <a href="mailto:bucksccg@nhs.net">bucksccg@nhs.net</a></p>

*The information provided in this response is accurate as of 22 March 2021 and has been authorised for release by Robert Majilton, Deputy Chief Officer and Director of Sustainability & Transformation for NHS Buckinghamshire CCG.*