



**Scottish
Ambulance
Service**

University National NHS Board



Freedom of Information Request

8th August 2024

Question

As of the date of this request, please can you tell me the total costs incurred by your organisation in relation to the Sheku Bayoh public inquiry. If possible, please can you provide a breakdown of these costs (such as legal, staffing or the hire of external consultants). And please can you tell how much, if any, of this expense has been reimbursed by the public inquiry as per its mechanism for some participants to claim back legal expenses incurred. Again, if possible, please provide any details you hold of how much human resource has gone into your Sheku Bayoh public inquiry commitments (such as the number of staffing hours taken so far or how many officials have worked on the responses)

Answer

The Scottish Ambulance Service has had senior officers working on the Sheku Bayoh public enquiry along with their contracted duties. Their time spent working on the enquiry was not recorded in a way that would allow us to calculate the staffing costs. It is for this reason; we have applied the exemption Section 17 to this part of your request of the Freedom of Information Scotland Act 2002 as information not held.

Please see the table below detailing the records of the costs for Legal fees that SAS have paid to the Central Legal Office in relation to Sheku Bayoh case.

It is important to note, there may have been costs prior to 2019-20, however, we do not hold that information.

Financial Year	Fees
2019-20	£143.55
2020-21	£3,375.00
2021-22	£89.30
2022-23	£2,553.82
2024-25 to July'24	£4,271.92

We do not hold information on if these costs have been claimed back.