

Request Ref: 2797

FOI Request dated **23/01/2023** as follows -

1) *Has your university used non-disclosure agreement settlements in relation to research misconduct complaints over the last five academic years? (2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022). If so, please provide the numbers and sums of money paid out, broken down by year.*

2) *Has any legal action been taken against your university over the last five academic years (2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, 2021-2022) due to a research misconduct case? Please break this down by year and provide details of whether the legal action was brought by an external individual, a student or staff member, where possible.*

3) *How much has your university spent in legal fees in connection with research misconduct complaints over the last five academic years (2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22). Please breakdown by year.*

Clarity - By research misconduct I would go with the university's own code of practice on this. Hull's policy is here and contains a definition:

<https://www.hull.ac.uk/work-with-us/research/site-elements/docs/research-misconduct.pdf>

Most universities keep records of how many allegations of research misconduct are made each year and so on. Please let me know if you need any further clarification.

Response

No information held.