



Resolution

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The following information was requested on 24 August 2023:

- 1. How many clinical negligence claims in total were dealt with for NHS Resolution by specific named law firms (i.e., defendant firms) in the latest year you have available.*
- 2. Number of clinical negligence claims dealt with by specific named claimant law firms/others in the latest year available.*

If there are many firms in each category, then the top 10 or 20 would be enough.

Our Response

Please note: We have recently changed the way we report on our FOIs to align better with our published documents. Streamlining our reporting on FOIs with our annual published reports may mean a variation in snapshot dates. This means this data may not align with previous similar requests and it may not be possible for you to compare this information with a previous request. For further information, please refer to <https://resolution.nhs.uk/resources/understanding-nhs-resolution-data>.

Please find attached the requested information. We have interpreted your request of cases “handled” as cases which have been managed to conclusion. As such we have provided data by the number of claims closed (or settled as a PPO). We have provided you with the top 10 Defendant firms and the top 10 Claimant firms.

Due to the nature of clinical negligence claims and the level of investigation needed to bring them to a resolution, claims received and notified in a specific year may take years to settle and close.

Table 1 shows: - Number of Clinical Claims Closed (or settled as a PPO) in the financial year in 2022/23 by Top 10 Defence solicitor Firm.

Table 2 shows: - Number of Clinical Claims Closed (or settled as a PPO) in the financial year in 2022/23 by Top 10 Claimant solicitor Firm.

PPOs

PPOs are an agreement between the parties, to pay an initial lump sum and regular future payments covering the injured party's ongoing care needs, usually for life i.e., a percentage of the full value of the claim is paid at the point of settlement with the balance paid at regular intervals over subsequent years.

If you would like to know how data is categorised in our Claims database please see the following link: [Glossary](#)

This concludes our response to your request.

If you are not satisfied with the service that you have received in response to your information request, it is open to you to make a complaint and request a formal review of our decisions. If you choose to do this, you should write to [Tinku Mitra](#), Deputy Director of Corporate and Information Governance, Data Protection Officer for NHS Resolution, within 28 days of your receipt of this reply. Reviews of decisions made in relation to information requests are carried out by a person who was not involved in the original decision-making about the request.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a review of the decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner will not make a decision unless you have exhausted the local complaints procedure. The address of the Information Commissioner's Office is:

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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<https://ico.org.uk/>

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NB: Number of claims fewer than 5 (and any associated values, within the same row) are masked with a "#" (in accordance with Data Protection guidelines). Accordingly, some total values may also be approximated to prevent masked values to be deduced through reverse calculation.

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[Table 2: Number of Clinical Claims Closed/Settled as a PPO between financial years in 2022/23 by Top 10 Claimant Solicitor Firm](#)

Table 1: Number of Clinical Claims Closed/Settled as a PPO between financial years in 2022/23 by Top 10 Defence Solicitor Firm

reportingYear	2022/23
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Defence Solicitor Firm	No. of Claims
DAC Beachcroft LLP Solicitors	2,052
Capsticks Solicitors	1,515
Hill Dickinson Solicitors	1,453
Bevan Brittan LLP Solicitors	1,167
Hempsons Solicitors	1,143
Kennedys Solicitors	1,100
Browne Jacobson Solicitors	963
Weightmans Solicitors	863
Clyde and Co Solicitors	681
Ward Hadaway Solicitors	143
Grand Total	11,080

Table 2: Number of Clinical Claims Closed/Settled as a PPO between financial years in 2022/23 by Top 10 Claimant Solicitor Firm

reportingYear	2022/23
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Claimant Solicitor Firm	No. of Claims
Fletchers	1,412
Irwin Mitchell	943
Slater & Gordon	339
Thompsons	233
Hudgell	225
Scott Rees & Co	220
Shoosmiths	178
Leigh Day	161
JMW	155
Simpson Millar	144
Grand Total	4,010