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The following information was requested on 24 July 2024:

NHSR previously provided the following: [FOI 6114 Top-20-highest-paid-claimant-firms.pdf \(resolution.nhs.uk\)](#)

Which covered:

- *Claimant legal costs for clinical negligence claims, broken down by the top 20 claimant firms, and the number of claims these costs relate to*

*Could you now please provide the equivalent information for the financial year **2023/24**.*

*Could you also please provide the total clinical negligence claimant legal costs figure for all claimant firms for the financial year 2023/24, and the number of claims these costs relate to. For **all** firms I am just after the total figure, **not** a breakdown for each firm.*

Our Response

Please find attached the requested information in relation to the top 20 highest paid claimant firms by the sum of claimant costs paid.

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 note: Legal costs (claimant) = Legal costs and disbursements paid to claimants and their solicitors.

Table 1 shows: - The top 20 Claimant firms by claimant legal costs paid in the financial year 2023/24 for clinical negligence claims (includes: open, settled with a PPO and closed claims).

Table 2 shows: - The number of claims and total claimant legal costs paid in the financial year 2023/24 for clinical negligence claims (includes: open, settled with a PPO and closed claims).

Further to our obligations to provide advice and assistance, you may find it helpful to review the work of the [Getting It Right First Time team](#) with whom NHS Resolution has been working with to undertake in-depth analysis of our claims data. They have produced a number of [reports](#) from analysing our claims data, which has been shared following approval of the confidentiality advisory group to the use of confidential patient information for this purpose.

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:

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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 1: The top 20 Claimant firms by claimant legal costs paid in the financial year 2023/24 for clinical negligence claims (includes: open, settled with a PPO and closed claims.)

Claimant Solicitor Firm	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	No. of Claims
Irwin Mitchell	73,590,101	1,184
Fletchers	33,800,241	1,224
Slater & Gordon	21,185,768	402
Fieldfisher	17,255,842	154
Switalskis	16,547,664	251
Thompsons	13,323,428	249
Leigh Day	12,281,481	140
Enable Law	11,744,068	159
Stewarts Law	11,325,616	78
JMW	9,035,980	213
Shoosmiths	8,726,968	150
Bolt Burdon Kemp	8,438,113	77
Penningtons Manches	7,328,600	101
Price Slater Gawne	6,408,360	88
Hudgell	6,009,760	208
Simpson Millar	5,267,670	101
Clear Law	4,773,205	72
Wolferstans	4,475,200	68
Thomson Snell & Passmore	4,360,986	81
Stephensons	4,353,843	70
Grand Total for top 20 Claimant Solicitor Firms	280,232,893	5,070

Table 2: The number of claims and total claimant legal costs paid in the financial year 2023/24 for clinical negligence claims (includes: open, settled with a PPO and closed claims.)

Payment Raised Financial Year	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	No. of Claims
2023/24	545,140,258	11,154