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The following various information was requested between 26 August – 5 September 2024:

[On 26 August 2024 you requested]:

Please consider the following as a request under the Freedom of Information Act, seeking records on the NHS Trusts below:

- *East Midlands NHS Ambulance Service*
- *Yorkshire NHS Ambulance Service*

Please provide me with the following and categorize them in financial years:

- 1. All separation agreements and settlements reached with past or present hospital staff at these Ambulance Services in relation to child sexual abuse allegations from January 1, 2019 until August 2024 or the last financial year available.*
- 2. A sum of all financial settlements paid by these Ambulance Services to families or alleged victims of child sexual abuse from January 1, 2019, until August 2024 or the last financial year available.*

[On 5 September 2024 we replied with]:

Thank you for your request for information.

We have carried out the following search for the 2 named Ambulance Services in your e-mail below:

We searched between the financial years 2018/19 and 2023/24 (April 2018 to end of March 2024).

We searched for the 2 ambulance services in your e-mail below where any injury or cause is 'sexual abuse' for under 18 year olds and there were no claims which met this criteria.

As previously advised in [FOI 6592 Guys-and-St-Thomas-NHS-Foundation-Trust.pdf \(resolution.nhs.uk\)](#) our claims are categorised against pre-defined cause, injury and speciality [codes](#). Whilst we do have an injury, and a cause code called 'sexual abuse', a claim may be multi-factoral and/or settled on a number of bases. Without interrogating individual claims file (which would likely exceed the FOI time limit), we cannot guarantee that some relevant claims

may have been coded with a different cause or injury. We have based our search using the available pre-defined codes.

We are also not clear what the reference to “separation agreements” means? Do you have a definition?

[On 5 September 2024 you replied with]:

Could you perform an extensive search only on Yorkshire NHS Ambulance Service by reviewing individual claim files?

In response to your question, separation agreements would refer to a mutual termination of a work contract.

Our Response

Thank you for your requests for information. We would also like to reiterate we do not hold the details of **all** incidents recorded for the Trust named in your request. We only hold the details of claims (and some incidents) notified to us. You may wish to approach the Trust directly for further information.

In terms of: *“In response to your question, separation agreements would refer to a mutual termination of a work contract.”*

These agreements are a matter between the NHS employer and the employee. NHS Resolution would not have access to, or indeed need to see, these agreements. You will need to direct this request to the Trust as we do not hold this information.

In terms of: *“Could you perform an extensive search only on Yorkshire NHS Ambulance Service by reviewing individual claim files?”*

We have carried out a search between the financial years 2018/19 to 2023/24 for Yorkshire NHS Ambulance Service and we can confirm that there are no claims recorded for the named Trust where the patient was under 18 years old, and the cause or injury is sexual abuse.

We also carried out a further search between the financial years 2018/19 to 2023/24 for Yorkshire NHS Ambulance Service for any claim where the patient at the time of the incident was under 18 years of age. This search resulted in 13 claims. We then manually reviewed these 13 claim files individually to check if sexual abuse was referred to in the case. We can confirm that following the manual review none of the 13 claim files refer to sexual abuse.

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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