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The following information was requested on 19 November 2024:

[On 19 November 2024 you requested]

I am requesting the legal expenditure for each individual Trust on inquests for 2020 to date.

I appreciate that you are only able to provide the expenditure through NHS Resolution's inquest funding scheme and will contact Trusts directly for any additional expenditure.

[On 19 November 2024 we replied with]

Thank you for your request.

We recently responded to a similar query – please, see the response here: [FOI_6765 Legal-fees-for-Coroners-Inquests.pdf](#).

Does this answer your query?

[On 19 November 2024 you replied with]

Thank you - I am afraid I am looking for a breakdown by Trust please.

Our Response

Thank you for your request for information. We believe this is a similar request to [FOI_6765 Legal-fees-for-Coroners-Inquests.pdf](#). Therefore, our response is along similar lines but for the financial years 2019/20 – 2023/24. Please note that we report in complete financial years and the data for the financial year 2024/25 is currently unavailable. It will be available on request on from August 2025.

For the 5 -year financial period between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2024, a total of £8,754,131 was paid in accordance with the rules of the [Clinical Negligence Scheme for Trusts](#) to support trusts at inquests and for associated costs to investigate entitlement to compensation. NHS Resolution has no involvement in any arrangements that an individual trust might make outside of the scheme.

During the same period, payments will also have been made towards costs incurred by families at inquests where these are connected with investigations which lead to a subsequent compensation award. The costs incurred by families will not be included in

the figures provided as we are unable to capture them separately as they are integral to the overall claims process.

Central funding available varies year-on-year, depending on the number of claims received, inquests relating to those claims and the timings of payments and settlements.

In terms of inquest costs, we only pay those that are deemed payable under our indemnity scheme operating procedures, where they are linked directly to a claim. Trusts can fund inquests themselves in many ways, either by their own legal department or via independent arrangements with external lawyers.

As to how trusts record this information, we would expect that individual trust legal departments would hold this information.

Low figures

We have not provided the information for low figures involved as we believe that disclosure of information with this level of granularity is exempt under Section 40(2) by virtue of section 40(3A) (a) of the FOI Act, where disclosure to a member of the public would contravene one or more of the data protection principles. The data protection principles are set out in Article 5 of the General Data Protection Regulation. We take the view that it would not be fair or lawful (given the sensitive and confidential nature of the information held) to disclose such information, and any disclosure would therefore contravene the first data protection principle.

In some instances, the low numbers in each category, the likelihood exists that individuals who are the subject of this information may be identified either from this information alone, or in combination with other available information. In addition to this, as this information is considered to be sensitive personal data (the data subjects' medical condition); NHS Resolution believes it has a greater responsibility to protect those individuals' identities, as disclosure could potentially cause damage and/or distress to those involved.

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.

Please refer to [Understanding NHS Resolution data](#) guidance for further details on how our Claims database is categorised.

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 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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Member Name	Net Amount
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust	864,020
North West Ambulance NHS Trust	616,686
East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust	478,598
East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust	298,803
Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust	273,156
Leicestershire Partnership NHS Trust	215,977
Barts Health NHS Trust	215,900
Ashford & St Peter's Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	212,972
North East London NHS Foundation Trust	200,295
Lancashire and South Cumbria NHS Foundation Trust	197,890
East London NHS Foundation Trust	195,461
Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust	186,608
Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust	159,926
Mid Yorkshire Teaching NHS Trust	148,653
Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	141,547
University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust	136,689
Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	131,664
East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust	129,219
Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust	128,455
Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	125,815
Chelsea & Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	124,011
Humber Teaching NHS Foundation Trust	115,946
Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust	106,093
Surrey & Borders Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	100,986
Bolton NHS Foundation Trust	99,183
Tameside and Glossop Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust	96,513
Chesterfield Royal Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	94,255
The Rotherham NHS Foundation Trust	94,245
Airedale NHS Foundation Trust	87,560
Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (The)	76,251
Epsom and St Helier University Hospitals NHS Trust	74,586
Lewisham & Greenwich NHS Trust	70,724
West Hertfordshire Hospitals NHS Trust	67,728
Northamptonshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	63,186
King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	62,254
Hillingdon Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (The)	61,207
West Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust	58,915
Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust	55,663
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough NHS Foundation Trust	55,206
South East Coast Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust	53,564
London Ambulance Service NHS Trust	53,287
York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	52,251
Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	51,948
Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust (The)	50,644
Gateshead Health NHS Foundation Trust	49,866
Royal Papworth Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	49,409
The Queen Elizabeth Hospital King's Lynn NHS Foundation Trust	48,442
University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	48,153
East and North Hertfordshire NHS Trust	47,775
County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust	47,556
Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust	47,212
Medway Community Healthcare	46,798
Portsmouth Hospitals NHS Trust	44,259
Kingston Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	42,433
Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust	42,360
Birmingham & Solihull Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust	40,224
Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust	40,134
Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust	40,078
South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	39,935
Hampshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	39,400
East of England Ambulance NHS Trust	38,893
Camden and Islington NHS Foundation Trust	38,583
University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust	37,175
South Central Ambulance NHS Foundation Trust	31,579
Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust	30,514
Tavistock and Portman NHS Foundation Trust (The)	29,142
Norfolk & Norwich University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	27,608
Hertfordshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	27,133
St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	27,056
Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust	26,466
University Hospital Southampton NHS Foundation Trust	25,064
Pennine Care NHS Foundation Trust	24,989
Croydon Health Services NHS Trust	24,709

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Herefordshire and Worcestershire Health and Care NHS Trust	24,648
Southern Health NHS Foundation Trust	24,007
North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust	23,338
University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust	23,048
Dorset Integrated Care Board	22,443
University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust	22,299
Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	21,908
United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust	21,888
Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust	20,895
Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust (The)	20,859
North Cumbria Integrated Care NHS Foundation Trust	20,567
Leeds & York Partnerships NHS Foundation Trust	19,596
Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust	19,368
Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust	19,211
Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust	17,920
Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust	17,648
East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust	17,287
Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust	16,796
Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust	16,535
Wye Valley NHS Trust	15,225
Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust	14,925
Bradford District Care Trust	14,912
Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	14,071
Coventry and Warwickshire Partnership NHS Trust	14,058
Medway NHS Foundation Trust	13,965
University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust	13,733
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust	13,582
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	13,337
Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust (The)	11,976
Mersey and West Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust	11,919
Kettering General Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	10,739
Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust	10,729
South West London and St George's Mental Health NHS Trust	10,690
North Middlesex University Hospital NHS Trust	9,818
East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust	9,401
The Christie NHS Foundation Trust	9,046
Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust	8,640
London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust	8,304
Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust	8,249
Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust	7,950
Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust	7,860
The Royal Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	6,981
Central London Community Healthcare NHS Trust	6,600
Birmingham Community Healthcare	5,450
Royal United Hospitals Bath NHS Foundation Trust	5,134
Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	5,065
Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	#
Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Trust	#
Northern Lincolnshire & Goole Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	#
NHS Blood & Transplant	#
Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust	#
Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust	#
Barnet, Enfield and Haringey Mental Health NHS Trust	#
Rotherham Doncaster and South Humber NHS Foundation Trust	#
Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	#
Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Trust	#
West Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust	#
University Hospitals of Morecambe Bay NHS Foundation Trust	#
Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust	#
Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	#
James Paget University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	#
Mersey Care NHS Foundation Trust	#
Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	#
Homerton Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	#
Cambridgeshire Community Services NHS Trust	#
Stockport NHS Foundation Trust	#
Greater Manchester Mental Health NHS Foundation Trust	#
Norfolk Community Health and Care NHS Trust	#
Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	#
Hertfordshire and West Essex Integrated Care Board	#
Bradford Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	#
Royal Surrey County Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (The)	#
Central Surrey Health Limited	#

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South Warwickshire NHS Foundation Trust	#
KIMS Hospital	#
Dudley Integrated Health and Care NHS Trust	#
Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust	#
Sandwell & West Birmingham Hospitals NHS Trust	#
Spire Healthcare	#
Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust	#
Locala	#
Ramsay Healthcare	#
NHS England	#
Isle of Wight NHS Trust	#
University Hospitals Coventry & Warwickshire NHS Trust	#
West London NHS Trust	#
University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust	#
South London & Maudsley NHS Foundation Trust	#
Robert Jones & Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (The	#
Spectrum Community Health CIC	#
Sussex Integrated Care Board	#
Wirral Community NHS Foundation Trust	#
Great Western Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	#
Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust	#
Grand Total	8,754,131