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The following information was requested on 31 January 2025 and clarified on 7 March 2025:

[You requested on 31 January 2025]

Dear NHS Resolution,

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act, can you please provide the following:

- 1. The number of claims against NHS Trusts for **Medication Errors** in the last 5 years? Can this be broken down by year and by NHS Trust? Financial Years: 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2023/24.*
- 2. The number of claims against NHS Trusts for Medication Errors in the last 5 years? Can this be broken down by year and by cause? Financial Years: 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2023/24.*
- 3. The number of claims against NHS Trusts for Medication Errors in the last 5 years? Can this be broken down by year and by injury? Financial Years: 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2023/24.*
- 4. The number and cost of claims against NHS Trusts for Medication Errors in the last 5 years broken down by Trust and year. (Including No. of claims, Damages Paid, NHS Legal Costs paid, Claimant legal costs paid, Total paid)*
- 5. The number and cost of claims against NHS Trusts for Medication Errors the last 5 years broken down by cause and year. (Including No. of claims, Damages Paid, NHS Legal Costs paid, Claimant legal costs paid, Total paid)*

[We sought clarification on 31 January 2025]

Thank you for your request for information. Please can we clarify the following:

Where you say: "2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2023/24".

*You would also like the data for **2022/23**?*

We only hold the claims data for Trusts in England and not the rest of the UK.

We look forward to hearing from you.

[You replied on 12 February 2025 with]

Thank you for your response to FOI Request FOI_7011 - Medication Errors - My apologies yes please - 2019/20, 2020/21. 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24.

Thank you in advance.

[We sought further clarification on 19 February 2025]

Thank you for your e-mail below.

Please can we clarify further where you say: The number of claims against NHS Trusts for Medication Errors in the last 5 years? Can this be broken down by year and by cause?

Medication Error is already a cause code, did you mean by specialty?

We look forward to hearing from you.

[You replied on 7 March 2025]

Thank you for your email regarding FOI_7011 Medication Error - Yes please my apologies, by speciality.

Our Response

Please find attached the requested information we are able to provide. We only hold claims data for England, not the rest of the UK.

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 [Understanding NHS Resolution data - NHS Resolution](#)

Claims notified/received in any given year will often relate to incidents that have occurred many years prior. 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. They are not guaranteed to be settled and closed in the same year. As such, there will be a time gap between incident and claim closure.

Due to the way in which data is extracted, it is also possible that the same claim may appear more than once in a dataset, across different year groups e.g. where the case has been closed (as nil damages payment), challenged, reopened, and closed again at conclusion.

The data shows variation in numbers of cases received, closed per year and costs attributed to those claims. This is a reflection of the nature of individual claims received and resolved by NHS Resolution which can vary significantly. As such these fluctuations cannot be interpreted as trends.

For information about our Clinical Negligence Scheme for Trusts, please visit our website here: [Clinical Negligence Scheme for Trusts - NHS Resolution](#)

The data is provided for all types of Trusts in England, including Acute, Foundation and Community Trusts.

Table 1 shows: - Number of CNST Claims and Incidents received between financial years 2019/20 and 2023/24 where the Primary Cause is '**Medication Errors**'. Broken down by Trust.

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Please note: the tables broken down by Trusts should not be interpreted as a league table. Larger member organisations and those which provide more complex treatments may receive more claims than smaller organisations or those providing low risk care. Inevitably, different institutions face different levels of risk because of the variations in the nature and complexity of the procedures they perform. In some circumstances, volumes of reported cases may be impacted by multiple claims notified in relation to one cause of action.

PPOs

The information disclosed includes damages and costs paid up to the end of the settlement year (in Periodical payment order (PPO) cases) and up to the end of the closure year in non-PPO cases.

PPOs are an agreement between the parties, to pay an initial lump sum and regular future payments (PPO damages) related to the injured party's ongoing needs, usually care for life i.e., a percentage of the full value of the claim is paid at the point of settlement (lump sum damages) with the balance paid at regular intervals over subsequent years. The information disclosed includes lump sum damages, costs and any PPO damages paid up to the end of the year of settlement. It does not include PPO damages, which have been committed to but due to be paid after the settlement year.

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 of claims (fewer than 5) 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 several [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 [Joanne Appleby](#), Deputy 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
SK9 5AF

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Table 1: Number of CNST Claims and Incidents received between financial years 2019/20 and 2023/24 where the Primary Cause is 'Medication Errors'. Broken down by Trust.

Year of Notification -- Trust Name	No. of Claims
2019/20	228
Trusts with less than 5 Claims	171
Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust	8
Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust	8
Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	7
Barts Health NHS Trust	7
University Hospitals Coventry & Warwickshire NHS Trust	6
Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust	6
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	5
Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	5
University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust	5
2020/21	205
Trusts with less than 5 Claims	166
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust	9
United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust	7
Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust	6
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	6
Barts Health NHS Trust	6
University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust	5
2021/22	196
Trusts with less than 5 Claims	164
United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust	9
University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust	7
East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust	6
South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	5
University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust	5
2022/23	254
Trusts with less than 5 Claims	188
Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust	8
Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	6
East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust	6
University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust	6
The Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust	5
University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust	5
University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust	5
University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust	5
Barts Health NHS Trust	5
St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	5
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust	5
York and Scarborough Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	5
2023/24	246
Trusts with less than 5 Claims	194
Mersey and West Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust	7
Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	7
University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust	6
Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	6
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust	6
Northern Lincolnshire & Goole Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	5
University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust	5
Lewisham & Greenwich NHS Trust	5
East Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust	5
Grand Total	1,129

Table 2: Number of CNST Claims and Incidents received between financial years 2019/20 and 2023/24 where the Primary Cause is 'Medication Errors'. Broken down by Primary Injury.

Year of Notification -- Primary Injury	No. of Claims
2019/20	
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	43
Unnecessary Pain	44
Fatality	40
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	26
Anaphylact Shock/Allergic Shock/allergy	12
Cardiac Arrest	12
Thrombosis/Embolism	12
Other	8
Respiratory Disorder/ Failure	7
Stroke	7
Nerve Damage	6
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	6
Renal Damage/ Failure	5
2020/21	
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	48
Unnecessary Pain	39
Fatality	39
Stroke	20
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	20
Thrombosis/Embolism	10
Cardiac Arrest	10
Anaphylact Shock/Allergic Shock/allergy	7
Other	7
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	5
2021/22	
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	40
Unnecessary Pain	40
Fatality	38
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	16
Thrombosis/Embolism	14
Stroke	11
Anaphylact Shock/Allergic Shock/allergy	11
Cardiac Arrest	9
Renal Damage/ Failure	6
Brain Damage	6
Other	5
2022/23	
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	46

Table 2: Number of CNST Claims and Incidents received between financial years 2019/20 and 2023/24 where the Primary Cause is 'Medication Errors'. Broken down by Primary Injury.

Unnecessary Pain	53
Fatality	37
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	32
Thrombosis/Embolism	14
Stroke	13
Cardiac Arrest	12
Other	10
Renal Damage/ Failure	10
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	9
Hypoglycaemia	7
Anaphylact Shock/Allergic Shock/allergy	6
Other Visual Problems	5
2023/24	
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	51
Unnecessary Pain	52
Fatality	39
Anaphylact Shock/Allergic Shock/allergy	18
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	17
Other	14
Thrombosis/Embolism	13
Renal Damage/ Failure	10
Cardiac Arrest	7
Multiple Injuries	7
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	7
Stroke	6
Infection (bacterial)	5
Grand Total	1,129

Table 3: Number of CNST Claims and Incidents received between financial years 2019/20 and 2023/24 where the Primary Cause is 'Medication Errors'. Broken down by Primary Specialty.

Year of Notification -- Primary Specialty	No. of Claims
2019/20	228
General Medicine	22
Emergency Medicine	21
General Surgery	16
Anaesthesia	15
Cardiology	14
Orthopaedic Surgery	14
Obstetrics	11
Psychiatry/ Mental Health	11
Geriatric Medicine	11
Oncology	8
Haematology	6
Gastroenterology	5
Neurosurgery	5
Pharmacy	5
Urology	5
Respiratory Medicine/ Thoracic Medic	5
Vascular Surgery	5
Paediatrics	5
Neurology	5
Intensive Care Medicine	5
Surgical Speciality - Other	#
Renal Medicine	#
Cardio Surgery	#
Comm Mental Servs	#
Community Medicine/ Public Health	#
Endocrinology	#
Gynaecology	#
General Practice	#
Ophthalmology	#
Otorhinolaryngology/ ENT	#
Rehabilitation	#
Dermatology	#
Infectious Diseases	#
Plastic Surgery	#
Ambulance	#
Podiatry	#
Paediatric Surgery	#
HM Prison Medical/dental	#
2020/21	205
Emergency Medicine	20
Orthopaedic Surgery	17
Cardiology	15
General Medicine	15
General Surgery	14
Oncology	13

Table 3: Number of CNST Claims and Incidents received between financial years 2019/20 and 2023/24 where the Primary Cause is 'Medication Errors'. Broken down by Primary Specialty.

Year of Notification -- Primary Specialty	No. of Claims
Neurology	13
Anaesthesia	10
Respiratory Medicine/ Thoracic Medic	9
Pharmacy	8
Psychiatry/ Mental Health	7
Geriatric Medicine	7
Paediatrics	7
Urology	5
Intensive Care Medicine	5
Obstetrics	5
Endocrinology	#
HM Prison Medical/dental	#
Gynaecology	#
Haematology	#
District Nursing	#
Renal Medicine	#
Ophthalmology	#
Neonatology	#
Surgical Speciality - Other	#
Other	#
Non-Clinical Staff	#
Cardio Surgery	#
General Practice	#
Comm Mental Servs	#
Neurosurgery	#
Palliative Medicine	#
Vascular Surgery	#
Gastroenterology	#
Microbiology/ Virology	#
Plastic Surgery	#
Otorhinolaryngology/ ENT	#
2021/22	196
General Medicine	34
Emergency Medicine	16
Cardiology	15
Orthopaedic Surgery	13
Anaesthesia	11
Obstetrics	10
General Surgery	10
Psychiatry/ Mental Health	9
Pharmacy	6
Haematology	6
Neonatology	5
Gastroenterology	5
Neurology	5
Community Medicine/ Public Health	#

Table 3: Number of CNST Claims and Incidents received between financial years 2019/20 and 2023/24 where the Primary Cause is 'Medication Errors'. Broken down by Primary Specialty.

Year of Notification -- Primary Specialty	No. of Claims
Oncology	#
Gynaecology	#
Geriatric Medicine	#
Comm Mental Servs	#
Paediatrics	#
Endocrinology	#
Dermatology	#
Intensive Care Medicine	#
Renal Medicine	#
General Practice	#
Rheumatology	#
Vascular Surgery	#
District Nursing	#
Respiratory Medicine/ Thoracic Medic	#
Rehabilitation	#
Otorhinolaryngology/ ENT	#
HM Prison Medical/dental	#
Urology	#
Ophthalmology	#
Other	#
Plastic Surgery	#
Neurosurgery	#
Ambulance	#
Microbiology/ Virology	#
2022/23	254
General Medicine	36
Emergency Medicine	24
General Surgery	18
Orthopaedic Surgery	13
Obstetrics	12
Cardiology	12
Pharmacy	11
Anaesthesia	10
Psychiatry/ Mental Health	10
Intensive Care Medicine	8
Gastroenterology	8
Community Medicine/ Public Health	7
Oncology	7
Gynaecology	7
Geriatric Medicine	6
Paediatrics	6
HM Prison Medical/dental	6
Renal Medicine	5
Rheumatology	#
Urology	#
Ophthalmology	#

Table 3: Number of CNST Claims and Incidents received between financial years 2019/20 and 2023/24 where the Primary Cause is 'Medication Errors'. Broken down by Primary Specialty.

Year of Notification -- Primary Specialty	No. of Claims
Neurology	#
Neurosurgery	#
Respiratory Medicine/ Thoracic Medic	#
Microbiology/ Virology	#
Dermatology	#
Ambulance	#
District Nursing	#
Surgical Speciality - Other	#
Haematology	#
Vascular Surgery	#
Otorhinolaryngology/ ENT	#
Cardio Surgery	#
Plastic Surgery	#
Palliative Medicine	#
Infectious Diseases	#
Radiology	#
Not Specified	#
Neonatology	#
Other	#
General Practice	#
2023/24	246
Emergency Medicine	37
General Medicine	26
Psychiatry/ Mental Health	14
Obstetrics	14
Pharmacy	12
Orthopaedic Surgery	12
General Surgery	11
Anaesthesia	9
Cardiology	9
Paediatrics	7
Rheumatology	7
Oncology	7
Respiratory Medicine/ Thoracic Medic	6
Endocrinology	6
Gastroenterology	5
Gynaecology	5
Geriatric Medicine	5
Neurology	5
Intensive Care Medicine	#
District Nursing	#
Renal Medicine	#
Radiology	#
Neonatology	#
Vascular Surgery	#
Other	#

Table 3: Number of CNST Claims and Incidents received between financial years 2019/20 and 2023/24 where the Primary Cause is 'Medication Errors'. Broken down by Primary Specialty.

Year of Notification -- Primary Specialty	No. of Claims
Ambulance	#
HM Prison Medical/dental	#
Urology	#
Comm Mental Servs	#
Surgical Speciality - Other	#
Community Medicine/ Public Health	#
Ophthalmology	#
General Practice	#
Dermatology	#
Neurosurgery	#
Dentistry	#
Unknown	#
Cardio Surgery	#
Rehabilitation	#
Plastic Surgery	#
Otorhinolaryngology/ ENT	#
Grand Total	1,129

Table 4: Number and Cost of CNST Claims Closed (or settled with a periodical payment order) between financial years 2019/20 and 2023/24 with a damages payment, where the Primary Cause is 'Medication Errors'. The data includes the damages and legal costs paid up until the end of each relevant financial year of closure, or for PPO matters, year of settlement. Broken down by Trust.

Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs) --- Trust Name	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid
2019/20				
Trusts with less than 5 Claims	158	8,227,190	1,360,785	6,071,287
University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust	5	72,200	#	127,994
Liverpool University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	5	2,100,500	61,786	290,857
2020/21				
Trusts with less than 5 Claims	151	7,647,242	1,096,753	5,314,434
Somerset NHS Foundation Trust	5	177,921	48,129	159,000
2021/22				
Trusts with less than 5 Claims	128	10,056,232	1,390,687	5,460,727
University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust	5	152,500	29,218	158,718
Barking, Havering and Redbridge University Hospitals NHS Trust	5	68,625	37,334	56,000
2022/23				
Trusts with less than 5 Claims	125	5,674,996	774,418	3,997,580
East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust	10	4,723,658	266,110	790,000
United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust	6	99,266	15,784	127,100
Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust	5	21,000	#	49,850
Hull University Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust	5	2,867,500	133,594	398,900
2023/24				
Trusts with less than 5 Claims	141	11,349,934	1,279,394	5,521,546
Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust	6	689,152	119,513	401,000
Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (The)	5	127,000	21,962	97,320
Grand Total	765	54,054,916	6,642,527	29,022,314

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Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs) --- Primary Injury	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
2019/20					
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	39	4,705,652	651,166	1,873,395	7,230,213
Unnecessary Pain	47	3,205,198	248,443	1,960,579	5,414,220
Fatality	27	918,527	196,783	674,080	1,789,391
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	22	277,384	91,499	497,897	866,780
Anaphylact Shock/Allergic Shock/allergy	12	93,000	37,225	215,838	346,062
Thrombosis/Embolism	10	264,741	36,765	428,966	730,472
Other	6	81,250	29,935	213,464	324,649
Cardiac Arrest	5	854,137	133,542	625,919	1,613,598
2020/21					
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	47	4,373,394	530,127	2,522,472	7,425,994
Unnecessary Pain	37	700,750	172,611	870,142	1,743,503
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	18	659,035	86,294	374,606	1,119,934
Fatality	17	786,670	116,084	520,349	1,423,103
Thrombosis/Embolism	8	254,000	39,807	269,035	562,842
Anaphylact Shock/Allergic Shock/allergy	7	29,800	7,561	70,263	107,624
Cardiac Arrest	6	140,180	11,715	119,103	270,998
Renal Damage/ Failure	6	513,537	122,064	496,200	1,131,801
Stroke	5	270,647	33,990	103,040	407,677
Respiratory Disorder/ Failure	5	97,150	24,629	128,224	250,003
2021/22					
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	42	5,756,433	920,577	2,834,408	9,511,418
Unnecessary Pain	28	200,166	60,398	505,617	766,181
Fatality	21	1,150,562	174,873	814,368	2,139,803
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	10	137,250	28,144	202,625	368,019
Cardiac Arrest	8	556,152	35,360	302,885	894,397
Thrombosis/Embolism	7	143,000	15,209	152,000	310,209
Other	7	471,700	49,960	144,342	666,001
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	5	106,000	21,414	105,300	232,714
Other Visual Problems	5	651,843	109,913	373,750	1,135,506
Anaphylact Shock/Allergic Shock/allergy	5	1,104,250	41,392	240,151	1,385,792
2022/23					
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	42	9,704,999	721,137	2,739,822	13,165,957
Unnecessary Pain	39	710,722	134,645	764,495	1,609,861
Fatality	17	1,473,466	149,816	593,679	2,216,961
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	11	153,346	39,027	276,860	469,233
Thrombosis/Embolism	10	118,486	27,415	181,750	327,651
Stroke	8	561,184	51,103	244,255	856,542
Anaphylact Shock/Allergic Shock/allergy	8	30,370	8,761	64,500	103,631
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	6	328,830	22,861	231,470	583,161
Respiratory Disorder/ Failure	5	138,000	14,922	153,100	306,022
Renal Damage/ Failure	5	167,019	24,494	113,500	305,013
2023/24					
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	47	4,468,618	664,799	2,594,132	7,727,549
Unnecessary Pain	35	500,048	96,545	711,045	1,307,638
Fatality	23	368,316	144,230	407,277	919,822
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	12	154,546	51,869	357,060	563,474
Thrombosis/Embolism	7	93,314	18,395	192,000	303,709
Stroke	7	5,850,219	328,856	1,181,802	7,360,877
Respiratory Disorder/ Failure	6	141,165	61,054	194,250	396,469
Cardiac Arrest	5	62,750	18,924	92,750	174,424
Renal Damage/ Failure	5	118,246	14,457	113,550	246,253

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Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	5	408,865	21,741	176,000	606,606
Grand Total	765	54,054,916	6,642,527	29,022,314	89,719,757

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Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs) --- Primary Specialty	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
2019/20					
General Medicine	25	625,036	215,381	910,355	1,750,772
General Surgery	15	144,691	38,564	227,569	410,825
Anaesthesia	13	1,054,684	196,637	813,969	2,065,291
Orthopaedic Surgery	12	146,482	37,747	197,316	381,545
Emergency Medicine	11	169,600	40,149	289,031	498,781
Psychiatry/ Mental Health	8	839,850	109,429	1,197,650	2,146,929
Cardiology	6	105,706	17,265	117,117	240,088
Gastroenterology	5	348,000	32,869	333,458	714,327
Pharmacy	5	36,628	36,532	53,330	126,490
Neurology	5	58,500	18,087	175,557	252,143
Urology	5	144,937	23,764	111,150	279,851
Paediatrics	#	#	#	#	#
Respiratory Medicine/ Thoracic Medic	#	#	#	#	#
Endocrinology	#	#	#	#	#
HM Prison Medical/dental	#	#	#	#	#
Geriatric Medicine	#	#	#	#	#
Neurosurgery	#	#	#	#	#
Surgical Speciality - Other	#	#	#	#	#
Obstetrics	#	#	#	#	#
Ophthalmology	#	#	#	#	#
Intensive Care Medicine	#	#	#	#	#
Dermatology	#	#	#	#	#
Renal Medicine	#	#	#	#	#
Radiology	#	#	#	#	#
Genito-Urinary Medicine	#	#	#	#	#
Rheumatology	#	#	#	#	#
Otorhinolaryngology/ ENT	#	#	#	#	#
Haematology	#	#	#	#	#
Gynaecology	#	#	#	#	#
Paediatric Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
Cardio Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
District Nursing	#	#	#	#	#
Ambulance	#	#	#	#	#
Comm Mental Servs	#	#	#	#	#
Community Medicine/ Public Health	#	#	#	#	#
Oncology	#	#	#	#	#
Rehabilitation	#	#	#	#	#
Plastic Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
2020/21					
General Medicine	26	519,590	100,999	627,459	1,248,048
Emergency Medicine	14	408,100	64,325	276,938	749,364
Orthopaedic Surgery	11	453,500	45,386	233,387	732,273
Anaesthesia	10	2,209,979	166,602	1,106,251	3,482,832
Geriatric Medicine	9	266,670	54,973	253,800	575,443
Obstetrics	8	123,500	42,265	251,237	417,002
Respiratory Medicine/ Thoracic Medic	7	387,607	41,466	301,781	730,853
Psychiatry/ Mental Health	6	200,000	35,016	125,645	360,661
Cardiology	6	118,297	40,473	142,890	301,660
Renal Medicine	5	160,257	42,895	170,661	373,813
Intensive Care Medicine	#	#	#	#	#
Pharmacy	#	#	#	#	#
Gastroenterology	#	#	#	#	#
Paediatrics	#	#	#	#	#
HM Prison Medical/dental	#	#	#	#	#
Urology	#	#	#	#	#
Oncology	#	#	#	#	#
Neurosurgery	#	#	#	#	#
Haematology	#	#	#	#	#
Surgical Speciality - Other	#	#	#	#	#
Rehabilitation	#	#	#	#	#
Ophthalmology	#	#	#	#	#
Neurology	#	#	#	#	#
Endocrinology	#	#	#	#	#
General Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
Cardio Surgery	#	#	#	#	#

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Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs) --- Primary Specialty	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
Otorhinolaryngology/ ENT	#	#	#	#	#
General Practice	#	#	#	#	#
Vascular Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
District Nursing	#	#	#	#	#
Comm Mental Servs	#	#	#	#	#
Rheumatology	#	#	#	#	#
Plastic Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
Other	#	#	#	#	#
Community Medicine/ Public Health	#	#	#	#	#
Nuclear Medicine	#	#	#	#	#
Dermatology	#	#	#	#	#
2021/22					
Emergency Medicine	16	1,248,900	110,533	508,938	1,868,371
General Medicine	16	869,265	164,770	771,009	1,805,044
General Surgery	12	170,678	43,650	217,000	431,328
Geriatric Medicine	9	75,125	37,658	171,500	284,283
Cardiology	9	1,435,172	144,837	468,100	2,048,109
Urology	7	871,477	71,011	341,750	1,284,238
Paediatrics	6	49,100	6,789	77,146	133,035
Anaesthesia	6	2,461,911	319,613	910,887	3,692,411
Oncology	5	494,382	48,239	316,250	858,871
Orthopaedic Surgery	5	121,780	38,917	163,718	324,415
Psychiatry/ Mental Health	#	#	#	#	#
Pharmacy	#	#	#	#	#
Respiratory Medicine/ Thoracic Medic	#	#	#	#	#
Obstetrics	#	#	#	#	#
Comm Mental Servs	#	#	#	#	#
Ophthalmology	#	#	#	#	#
Neurology	#	#	#	#	#
Gynaecology	#	#	#	#	#
Vascular Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
Surgical Speciality - Other	#	#	#	#	#
Cardio Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
Renal Medicine	#	#	#	#	#
Gastroenterology	#	#	#	#	#
Neurosurgery	#	#	#	#	#
Rheumatology	#	#	#	#	#
Community Medicine/ Public Health	#	#	#	#	#
Intensive Care Medicine	#	#	#	#	#
Otorhinolaryngology/ ENT	#	#	#	#	#
Haematology	#	#	#	#	#
General Practice	#	#	#	#	#
HM Prison Medical/dental	#	#	#	#	#
2022/23					
General Medicine	15	160,191	43,867	295,510	499,567
Emergency Medicine	13	197,046	41,502	287,060	525,607
Cardiology	13	644,806	87,421	415,100	1,147,327
Anaesthesia	12	806,912	55,564	328,850	1,191,326
General Surgery	11	465,000	89,366	465,350	1,019,716
Orthopaedic Surgery	9	220,000	21,090	146,550	387,640
Obstetrics	8	3,127,743	164,570	589,600	3,881,913
Psychiatry/ Mental Health	6	18,650	11,171	61,500	91,321
Pharmacy	6	78,177	9,612	167,250	255,039
Oncology	6	142,668	19,122	127,200	288,989
Haematology	6	370,743	46,379	224,000	641,122
Paediatrics	5	37,940	19,196	125,620	182,756
Intensive Care Medicine	5	663,934	106,097	325,970	1,096,001
General Practice	#	#	#	#	#
HM Prison Medical/dental	#	#	#	#	#
Geriatric Medicine	#	#	#	#	#
Gastroenterology	#	#	#	#	#
Community Medicine/ Public Health	#	#	#	#	#
Gynaecology	#	#	#	#	#
Neurosurgery	#	#	#	#	#
Respiratory Medicine/ Thoracic Medic	#	#	#	#	#
Neurology	#	#	#	#	#

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Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs) --- Primary Specialty	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
Urology	#	#	#	#	#
Vascular Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
Cardio Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
Renal Medicine	#	#	#	#	#
Palliative Medicine	#	#	#	#	#
Ophthalmology	#	#	#	#	#
Plastic Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
Endocrinology	#	#	#	#	#
Comm Mental Servs	#	#	#	#	#
Otorhinolaryngology/ ENT	#	#	#	#	#
2023/24					
General Medicine	25	434,891	191,755	734,016	1,360,662
Emergency Medicine	18	228,747	103,775	503,110	835,632
Cardiology	11	516,435	43,814	320,432	880,680
Orthopaedic Surgery	10	673,495	129,745	442,658	1,245,899
General Surgery	10	1,354,750	148,558	436,824	1,940,132
Anaesthesia	8	152,000	11,899	120,750	284,649
Obstetrics	7	363,141	61,514	277,000	701,656
Psychiatry/ Mental Health	5	149,043	26,727	163,625	339,395
Neurology	5	5,165,309	261,483	824,000	6,250,792
Gynaecology	5	101,500	15,428	128,750	245,678
Pharmacy	5	91,400	11,177	66,550	169,127
Endocrinology	#	#	#	#	#
Renal Medicine	#	#	#	#	#
Gastroenterology	#	#	#	#	#
Community Medicine/ Public Health	#	#	#	#	#
HM Prison Medical/dental	#	#	#	#	#
Oncology	#	#	#	#	#
Geriatric Medicine	#	#	#	#	#
Intensive Care Medicine	#	#	#	#	#
Urology	#	#	#	#	#
Respiratory Medicine/ Thoracic Medic	#	#	#	#	#
District Nursing	#	#	#	#	#
Rheumatology	#	#	#	#	#
Cardio Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
Rehabilitation	#	#	#	#	#
Paediatric Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
Ophthalmology	#	#	#	#	#
Surgical Speciality - Other	#	#	#	#	#
Other	#	#	#	#	#
General Practice	#	#	#	#	#
Vascular Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
Microbiology/ Virology	#	#	#	#	#
Neonatology	#	#	#	#	#
Grand Total	765	54,054,916	6,642,527	29,022,314	89,719,757