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The following information was requested on 29 May 2025:

Follow up to - [FOI 7201 Vascular-Surgery.pdf](#)

Thank you for the data you have provided.

I want to obtain further information.

I need the cumulative number of injuries and causes over the 10-year period (as yearly figures censor events which are significant but rare due to data protection). I want the cost associated with each injury type claim. Finally, I would like to know the cost of successful and rejected claims.

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. Please note: Cover under the Clinical Negligence Scheme for Trusts (CNST) has also been available to independent sector providers (ISPs) of NHS care since 1st April 2013, but data relating to these ISPs has not been included in our response, as the request was for a breakdown by Trust.

Table 1 shows: - Number of CNST Claims and Incidents received between financial years 2014/15 and 2023/24 where the Specialty is '**Vascular Surgery**'. Broken down by Primary Injury.

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Table 5 shows: - Number and Cost of CNST Claims Closed for NHS Trusts between financial years '2014/15' and '2023/24' with **NIL** damages paid where the Specialty is '**Vascular Surgery**', broken down by Primary Injury.

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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:

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Table 1: Number of CNST Claims and Incidents received between financial years 2014/15 and 2023/24 where the Specialty is 'Vascular Surgery'. Broken down by Primary Injury.

Notified scheme	Y CNST
Primary Injury	No. of Claims
Amputation - Lower	436
Fatality	174
Unnecessary Pain	127
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	86
Pressure Sores	61
Nerve Damage	44
Amputation - Upper	37
Thrombosis/Embolism	34
Stroke	29
Cardiac Arrest	18
Arterial Damage	16
Tissue Damage	15
Aneurysm	14
Cancer	12
Compartment Syndrome	12
Burn(s)	10
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	9
Fracture	9
Renal Damage/ Failure	9
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	9
Foot Drop	8
Other	8
Infection (bacterial)	8
Paraplegia	7
Perforation	7
Not Specified	7
Other Infection	6
Brain Damage	6
Partial Paralysis	6
Sepsis	5
Rupture	5
Spinal Damage	5
Scarring	#
Bladder Damage	#
Cardiovascular Condition	#
Limb Deformity	#
Respiratory Disorder/ Failure	#
Multiple Injuries	#
Bruising/ Extravasation	#
Fistula	#
Hospital Acquired Infection	#
Blindness	#
Reduced Life Expectancy	#
Advanced Stage Cancer	#
Loss Of Kidney	#
Other Visual Problems	#
Joint Damage	#
Liver Damage	#
Tendon Damage	#
Hernia	#
Incontinence	#
Anal Fissure	#
Poor Outcome - Fractures Etc.	#
Unknown	#
Cosmetic Disfigurement	#

Table 1: Number of CNST Claims and Incidents received between financial years 2014/15 and 2023/24 where the Specialty is 'Vascular Surgery'. Broken down by Primary Injury.

Notified scheme	Y CNST
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Primary Injury	No. of Claims
Anaphylact Shock/Allergic Shock/allergy	#
Addiction/Dependency	#
Grand Total	1,288

Table 2: Number of CNST Claims and Incidents received between financial years 2014/15 and 2023/24 where the Specialty is 'Vascular Surgery'. Broken down by Primary Cause.

Notified scheme	Y CNST
Primary Cause	No. of Claims
Fail / Delay Treatment	472
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	138
Inappropriate Treatment	84
Inadequate Nursing Care	69
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	63
Delay In Performing Operation	57
Intra-Op Problems	52
Failure To Perform Tests	32
Operator Error	30
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	30
Medication Errors	26
Foreign Body Left In Situ	21
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	20
Failure To Perform Operation	20
Inappropriate Discharge	18
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	16
Fail/Delay Referring To Hosp.	13
Fail/Delay Admitting To Hosp.	12
Wrong Site Surgery	9
Lack Of Assistance/Care	8
Other	7
Bacterial Infection	7
Retained Instrument Post-Operation	6
Inadequate Monitoring Intra-Op	6
Lack Of Pre-Op Evaluation	6
Wrong Diagnosis	5
Fail To Supervise	5
Not Specified	5
Err With Agnt/Dose/Route/Selec	5
Fail To Carry Out PO Observs.	5
Diathermy Burns/react. To Prep	#
Equipment Malfunction	#
Perform. Of Op. Not Indicated	#
Unexpected Death	#
Failure To Interpret X-Ray	#
Failure To X-Ray	#
Inapprop. Case Selection	#
Premature Ceasure Of Treatment	#
Re-Canalisation	#
Problem Blood Fluids	#
Fail To Infrm Test Rslts	#
Failed Sterilisation	#
Failed Infection Control Policy/Hospital Hygiene	#
Incorrect Injection Site	#
Fail To Interpret USS	#
Lack Of Facilities/Equipment	#
Application Of Excess Force	#
Probs With Medical Records	#
Fail/Delay Avail Op Thtre	#
Clinical Trial	#
Grand Total	1,288

Table 3: Number and Cost of CNST Claims Closed (or settled with a periodical payment order) for NHS Trusts between financial years '2014/15' and '2023/24' with a damages payment, where the Specialty is 'Vascular Surgery', broken down by Primary Injury. 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.

ClosedSettled scheme	Y CNST
Claim_Outcome	Damages Paid
Specialty1L1ARA	Vascular Surgery

Primary Injury	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
Amputation - Lower	267	81,676,300	8,707,825	31,811,005	122,195,130
Fatality	89	4,027,196	926,550	3,954,540	8,908,286
Unnecessary Pain	75	2,631,219	862,771	3,219,656	6,713,647
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	61	2,922,204	749,628	2,980,328	6,652,160
Pressure Sores	43	1,251,673	225,904	1,194,603	2,672,180
Thrombosis/Embolism	36	1,752,157	405,202	2,204,816	4,362,175
Nerve Damage	33	2,690,607	596,947	2,861,095	6,148,648
Amputation - Upper	30	7,294,644	926,400	3,172,058	11,393,102
Stroke	14	2,629,319	324,722	1,079,572	4,033,613
Aneurysm	14	1,464,997	197,101	761,050	2,423,148
Arterial Damage	11	875,708	140,060	617,455	1,633,224
Burn(s)	11	113,637	13,195	134,823	261,655
Tissue Damage	10	422,343	61,316	269,181	752,840
Foot Drop	9	3,893,089	189,105	831,498	4,913,693
Paraplegia	8	4,094,360	291,624	1,621,966	6,007,951
Compartment Syndrome	7	1,266,048	137,750	553,905	1,957,703
Fracture	7	143,616	32,967	208,983	385,566
Cancer	6	288,367	74,347	239,500	602,214
Renal Damage/ Failure	6	1,021,974	99,377	631,549	1,752,900
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	6	649,250	81,234	525,500	1,255,984
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	6	243,253	76,145	348,700	668,099
Not Specified	5	137,184	52,676	250,000	439,860
Cardiac Arrest	5	179,427	28,134	199,750	407,311
Rupture	5	221,715	14,174	127,100	362,989
Scarring	#	#	#	#	#
Partial Paralysis	#	#	#	#	#
Bladder Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Joint Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Brain Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Other	#	#	#	#	#
Cardiovascular Condition	#	#	#	#	#
Poor Outcome - Fractures Etc.	#	#	#	#	#
Other Infection	#	#	#	#	#
Sepsis	#	#	#	#	#
Spinal Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Loss Of Kidney	#	#	#	#	#
Perforation	#	#	#	#	#
Bruising/ Extravasation	#	#	#	#	#
Anaphylact Shock/Allergic Shock/allergy	#	#	#	#	#
Multiple Injuries	#	#	#	#	#
Anal Fissure	#	#	#	#	#
Advanced Stage Cancer	#	#	#	#	#
Anaesthetic	#	#	#	#	#

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ClosedSettled scheme	Y
Claim_Outcome	CNST
Specialty1L1ARA	Damages Paid
	Vascular Surgery

Primary Injury	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
Reduced Life Expectancy	#	#	#	#	#
Other Visual Problems	#	#	#	#	#
Hernia	#	#	#	#	#
Cosmetic Disfigurement	#	#	#	#	#
Respiratory Disorder/ Failure	#	#	#	#	#
Partial Hearing Loss	#	#	#	#	#
Infection (bacterial)	#	#	#	#	#
Liver Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Grand Total	814	126,141,290	16,014,538	62,831,015	204,986,842

Table 4: Number and Cost of CNST Claims Closed (or settled with a periodical payment order) for NHS Trusts between financial years '2014/15' and '2023/24' with a damages payment, where the Specialty is 'Vascular Surgery', broken down by Primary Cause. 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.

ClosedSettled scheme	Y
Claim_Outcome	CNST
Specialty1L1ARA	Damages Paid Vascular Surgery

Primary Cause	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
Fail / Delay Treatment	280	38,325,055	5,982,248	22,352,736	66,660,039
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	100	23,035,610	2,548,202	9,630,626	35,214,437
Inappropriate Treatment	48	8,663,936	970,499	4,110,568	13,745,003
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	46	5,932,106	894,360	3,593,324	10,419,791
Inadequate Nursing Care	45	911,925	225,911	1,300,205	2,438,041
Delay In Performing Operation	42	16,649,379	1,152,564	4,471,038	22,272,981
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	30	8,118,250	745,697	3,189,079	12,053,026
Intra-Op Problems	29	3,501,085	566,828	2,179,954	6,247,867
Operator Error	19	914,969	249,165	1,114,127	2,278,260
Failure To Perform Tests	17	2,599,017	240,311	956,473	3,795,801
Failure To Perform Operation	15	1,949,580	498,875	1,742,951	4,191,406
Foreign Body Left In Situ	15	97,458	16,880	161,392	275,730
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	13	3,751,900	265,429	1,322,250	5,339,578
Inappropriate Discharge	12	265,117	108,905	499,300	873,322
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	11	1,123,079	153,850	607,000	1,883,929
Medication Errors	11	1,210,482	81,115	416,649	1,708,246
Fail/Delay Referring To Hosp.	9	1,035,672	133,087	588,691	1,757,451
Err With Agnt/Dose/Route/Selec	8	1,567,734	180,375	753,541	2,501,650
Wrong Site Surgery	7	56,000	6,307	61,261	123,568
Diathermy Burns/react. To Prep	6	90,750	7,739	80,927	179,416
Retained Instrument Post-Operation	5	100,500	5,851	62,627	168,978
Fail/Delay Admitting To Hosp.	5	1,301,134	236,514	1,133,512	2,671,160
Fail To Carry Out PO Observs.	5	823,155	124,421	487,184	1,434,760
Lack Of Pre-Op Evaluation	#	#	#	#	#
Lack Of Assistance/Care	#	#	#	#	#
Inadequate Monitoring Intra-Op	#	#	#	#	#
Other	#	#	#	#	#
Wrong Diagnosis	#	#	#	#	#
Re-Canalisation	#	#	#	#	#
Problem Blood Fluids	#	#	#	#	#
Failure To X-Ray	#	#	#	#	#
Cross Infection	#	#	#	#	#
Inapprop. Case Selection	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Supervise	#	#	#	#	#
Perform. Of Op. Not Indicated	#	#	#	#	#
Application Of Excess Force	#	#	#	#	#
Bacterial Infection	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Infrm Test Rsults	#	#	#	#	#
Equipment Malfunction	#	#	#	#	#
Lack Of Facilities/Equipment	#	#	#	#	#
Unexpected Death	#	#	#	#	#
Grand Total	814	126,141,290	16,014,538	62,831,015	204,986,842

Table 5: Number and Cost of CNST Claims Closed for NHS Trusts between financial years '2014/15' and '2023/24' with NIL damages paid where the Specialty is 'Vascular Surgery', broken down by Primary Injury.

ClosedSettled scheme	Y
Claim_Outcome	CNST
Specialty1L1ARA	Nil Damages
	Vascular Surgery

Primary Injury	No. of Claims	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
Amputation - Lower	156	1,660,989	5,182	1,666,171
Fatality	76	304,386	0	304,386
Unnecessary Pain	62	283,724	0	283,724
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	41	140,394	0	140,394
Nerve Damage	22	76,804	0	76,804
Stroke	22	146,693	0	146,693
Amputation - Upper	17	82,775	0	82,775
Thrombosis/Embolism	16	135,843	0	135,843
Pressure Sores	15	25,965	0	25,965
Cardiac Arrest	9	21,848	0	21,848
Arterial Damage	7	11,696	0	11,696
Tissue Damage	6	20,874	0	20,874
Other Infection	5	8,262	0	8,262
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	5	22,231	0	22,231
Compartment Syndrome	5	50,747	0	50,747
Renal Damage/ Failure	#	#	#	#
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	#	#	#	#
Scarring	#	#	#	#
Foot Drop	#	#	#	#
Paraplegia	#	#	#	#
Other	#	#	#	#
Fracture	#	#	#	#
Perforation	#	#	#	#
Partial Paralysis	#	#	#	#
Hospital Acquired Infection	#	#	#	#
Aneurysm	#	#	#	#
Cancer	#	#	#	#
Cardiovascular Condition	#	#	#	#
Blindness	#	#	#	#
Joint Damage	#	#	#	#
Spinal Damage	#	#	#	#
Multiple Injuries	#	#	#	#
Tendon Damage	#	#	#	#
Bruising/ Extravasation	#	#	#	#
Infection (bacterial)	#	#	#	#
Not Specified	#	#	#	#
Burn(s)	#	#	#	#
Reduced Life Expectancy	#	#	#	#
Vocal Cord Damage	#	#	#	#
Fistula	#	#	#	#
Poor Outcome - Fractures Etc.	#	#	#	#
Respiratory Disorder/ Failure	#	#	#	#
Addiction/Dependency	#	#	#	#
Limb Deformity	#	#	#	#
Grand Total	527	3,187,606	7,782	3,195,388

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Table 6: Number and Cost of CNST Claims Closed for NHS Trusts between financial years '2014/15' and '2023/24' with NIL damages paid where the Specialty is 'Vascular Surgery', broken down by Primary Cause.

ClosedSettled scheme	Y
Claim_Outcome	CNST
Specialty1L1ARA	Nil Damages
	Vascular Surgery

Primary Cause	No. of Claims	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid
Fail / Delay Treatment	194	1,570,937	#
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	53	277,162	0
Inappropriate Treatment	41	354,225	#
Intra-Op Problems	36	154,001	0
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	29	168,602	0
Inadequate Nursing Care	23	48,806	0
Delay In Performing Operation	22	178,562	0
Medication Errors	13	87,409	0
Operator Error	12	33,453	0
Failure To Perform Tests	11	26,743	0
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	9	42,644	0
Failure To Perform Operation	9	32,347	0
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	8	44,962	0
Foreign Body Left In Situ	8	13,355	0
Bacterial Infection	6	14,701	0
Fail/Delay Admitting To Hosp.	6	#	0
Fail/Delay Referring To Hosp.	5	21,022	0
Lack Of Assistance/Care	#	#	#
Fail To Supervise	#	#	#
Lack Of Pre-Op Evaluation	#	#	#
Equipment Malfunction	#	#	#
Inappropriate Discharge	#	#	#
Wrong Diagnosis	#	#	#
Inadequate Monitoring Intra-Op	#	#	#
Perform. Of Op. Not Indicated	#	#	#
Other	#	#	#
Unexpected Death	#	#	#
Failure To Interpret X-Ray	#	#	#
Not Specified	#	#	#
Failed Sterilisation	#	#	#
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	#	#	#
Premature Ceasure Of Treatment	#	#	#
Application Of Excess Force	#	#	#
Incorrect Injection Site	#	#	#
Lack Of Facilities/Equipment	#	#	#
Clinical Trial	#	#	#
Fail To Infrm Test Rslts	#	#	#
Grand Total	527	3,187,606	7,782