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The following information was requested on 19 September 2025:

Freedom of Information Act Response

- 1. Please could you state how many claims for compensation from families of people whose relatives were abused by David Fuller have (a) been settled by you in the (i) 2022/23, (ii) 2023/24 and (iii) 2024/25 financial year and (b) what was the total value of the compensation paid to these families in the (i) 2022/23, (ii) 2023/24 and 2024/25 financial years*
- 2. At the start of the 25/26 financial year how many claims of compensation from families of people whose relatives were abused by David Fuller were lodged with you but were at that point unsettled?*
- 3. Since 1.4.25 how many fresh claims for compensation from families of people whose relatives were abused by David Fuller were lodged with you?*
- 4. Press reports have suggested that the total cost to the NHS of compensation and legal fees in relation to these cases could be as high as £25million. In responses to this question in previous years it appears the total will be nowhere this this. Could you explain to me if there are any categories of compensation, or avenues in seeking compensation from the NHS that might account for the difference?*

Our Response

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>.

We only report on complete financial years. Therefore, we are unable to provide the information for the financial year 2025/26 as that information is not available. We have provided the information about the claims settled between 2022/23 – 2024/25.

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.

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.

Please find attached the following tables:

Table 1 shows: - Number of LTPS Claims and Incidents received between financial years 2022/23 and 2024/25 where the Group Code is 'David Fuller Compensation Scheme.'

There were no claims notified in 2024/25 that met the above criteria.

Table 2 shows: - Number and Cost of LTPS Claims settled in financial year 2022/23 to 2024/25 and subsequently Closed in financial year 2024/25 with a damages payment, where the Group Code is 'David Fuller Compensation Scheme'.

Claims have been brought by close family members of the deceased victims, and a claim is recorded for each victim. We have shown the number of claimants separately in Table 2, because there are some claims where more than one family member is a claimant.

For further information about the David Fuller Compensation Scheme the link below will take you to a FAQ document about the compensation scheme:

[Compensation scheme extended for offences committed by David Fuller - Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust \(mtw.nhs.uk\)](https://www.mtw.nhs.uk/compensation-scheme-extended-for-offences-committed-by-david-fuller)

Please note that the figures in table 2 for this request will differ from the figures that appear in table 2 of [FOI 6635 David-Fuller-Claims.pdf](#). The main reason for this is because in our responses we have provided data based on the date that claims were settled but then closed in financial year 2024/25. As the last dataset was provided part-way through 2024/25, this accounts for the difference in figures.

Please also note that there were fewer than 5 claims settled during the specified period with a **nil** damages payment. We are unable to provide any further details owing to the low numbers involved. Please refer to our low numbers refusal notice below for an explanation why we are unable to provide any further details.

Low Numbers

Please note we have suppressed low figures 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 Freedom of Information 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.

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. Where we are in the territory of such small numbers in the attached, we have used a '#' symbol in the relevant field.

In response to: 2. At the start of the 25/26 financial year how many claims of compensation from families of people whose relatives were abused by David Fuller were lodged with you but were at that point unsettled?

3. Since 1.4.25 how many fresh claims for compensation from families of people whose relatives were abused by David Fuller were lodged with you?

We only report on complete financial years. Therefore, we are unable to provide the information for the financial year 2025/26 as that information is not yet available. We have provided the information about the claims received or settled between 2022/23 – 2024/25.

In response to: 4. Press reports have suggested that the total cost to the NHS of compensation and legal fees in relation to these cases could be as high as £25million. In responses to this question in previous years it appears the total will be nowhere this this. Could you explain to me if there are any categories of compensation, or avenues in seeking compensation from the NHS that might account for the difference?

We are unable to comment on general press reports, and in response to this request we have provided details of the compensation payments and costs made under the compensation scheme since its inception in December 2022 for the claims settled in the financial years 2022/23 to 2024/25.

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 [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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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 2: Number and Cost of LTPS Claims Settled in financial years 2022/23 to 2024/25, and subsequently Closed in financial year 2024/25 with a damages payment, where the Group Code is 'David Fuller Compensation Scheme'.

Table 1: Number of LTPS Claims and Incidents received between financial years 2022/23 and 2024/25 where the Group Code is 'David Fuller Compensation Scheme'

Notified Scheme	Y LTPS
Year of Notification	No. of Claims
2022/23	59
2023/24	15
Grand Total	74

Table 2: Number and Cost of LTPS Claims Settled in financial years 2022/23 to 2024/25, and subsequently Closed in financial year 2024/25 with a damages payment, where the Group Code is 'David Fuller Compensation Scheme'.

ClosedSettled	Y
ClaimOutcome	Damages Paid
Scheme	LTPS

Year of Settlement	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	No. of Claimants
2022/23	6	67,500	9,280	8,600	9
2023/24	28	1,326,321	275,340	606,840	67
2024/25	18	1,817,914	327,908	687,740	79
Grand Total	52	3,211,735	612,528	1,303,180	155