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The following information was requested on 13 October and clarified on 13 November 2025:

[On the 13 October, you requested]

Please provide the following:

10 highest Maternity negligence payouts by value for the period of August 2015 to August 2025

Please include the following in your response:

- *the reason for the claim*
- *date when the claim was settled*
- *the claim value*

If you intend to withhold any information, please clearly state:

- *Which exemption you are relying upon;*
- *The reasons why the exemption applies; and*
- *Whether you are applying a public interest test.*

Your assistance in this matter would be very much appreciated.

I would be happy to receive the information in the electronic format.

[We replied on the 14 October with]

Thank you for your email.

Before we can respond I would like to clarify what information we are able to provide.

We would like to advise you that we would be unable to disclose any details related to individual claims that would allow the identification of the individual claim, where it could lead to the breach of the Data Protection requirements. This information would need to be withheld under Section 40 of FOIA, which is an absolute exemption.

Please refer to our publication: [Guidance-note-Understanding-NHS-Resolution-data-updated](#) and a set of codes against which claims are logged: [CNST-Codes.xlsx \(live.com\)](#) (see the three tabs in the spreadsheet).

You may also be interested in our previous responses regarding maternity/obstetrics:

[FOI 7334 Obstetrics-Claims.pdf](#)

We could provide you with the number of claims received for the specialty Obstetrics and also the number closed with nil damages paid, number closed with a damages payment and associated costs, breakdown by primary cause, breakdown by primary injury.

Please note that we report in complete financial years and the latest available data we could provide is for 2024/25. We could provide Obstetrics data e.g. for the financial years 2020/21 – 2024/25? Are you interested in the data we are able to provide? If so, please state which financial years you are interested in. Please also describe the breakdown referred to above that you are interested in.

Your request will be put on hold until we hear from you.

[You replied on the 13 November with]

Thank you so much for your reply.

I would like to take your offer to provide me with the following information (as per your email):

"We could provide you with the number of claims received for the specialty Obstetrics and also the number closed with nil damages paid, number closed with a damages payment and associated costs, breakdown by primary cause, breakdown by primary injury".

I would also like the breakdown of the above information for the claims made in the antenatal, labour and postnatal periods, please.

Please find my updated FOI attached.

Your assistance in this matter would be very much appreciated.

Our Response

Thank you for your request for information. Unfortunately, we are unable to provide a breakdown of information on claims made in the antenatal, labour and postnatal periods. The information requested is not recorded in the way it has been requested.

Although NHS Resolution may hold some information relating to claims such as what you have requested (England only claims), due to the way claims are recorded on our claims database, we will not be able to identify such specific cases. It might be helpful to explain that when claims are notified to NHS Resolution they are categorised against pre-defined cause, injury and speciality [codes](#). Unfortunately, we do not have a code for antenatal, labour and postnatal periods. Therefore, while there may be information held in our records, we are not readily able to identify the relevant files by searching the database. To do so would involve a manual review of all cases to identify which ones relate to claims involving antenatal, labour and postnatal periods.

We would have to search over 3000 claims records and also carry out deep dives of individual claims files to extract and collate the relevant information. This exercise would be very time consuming. We estimate that it would take on average 10 minutes to locate, retrieve and extract the requested information from an individual file. In

addition, given the complexity of clinical negligence claims and their litigation, it is possible for a single electronic or paper-based file to contain hundreds of documents in a variety of formats.

Therefore, we estimate that the cost of complying with this request would exceed the 'appropriate limit'. Section 12(1) of the FOIA is a provision which allows a public authority to refuse to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed a set limit (known as the 'appropriate limit'). The 'appropriate limit' for NHS Resolution is £450. This equates to 18 hours of work at the rate of £25 per hour set out in the 'Fees Regulations'.

Please find attached the information we are able to provide. This information only covers England and not the rest of the UK.

NB: 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 [Guidance-note-Understanding-NHS-Resolution-data-updated](#)

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 claims 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.

Please find attached the following tables:

Table 1 shows: Number of Clinical Claims and Incidents received between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' where the Specialty is '**Obstetrics**', broken down by **Primary Injury**.

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Table 4 shows: Number and Cost of Clinical Claims Closed (or settled with a periodical payment order) between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' with a damages payment, where the Specialty is 'Obstetrics', 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.

Table 5 shows: Number and Cost of Clinical Claims Closed between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' with **NIL** damages, where the Specialty is 'Obstetrics', broken down by **Primary Injury**.

Table 6 shows: Number and Cost of Clinical Claims Closed between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' with **NIL** damages, where the Specialty is 'Obstetrics', broken down by **Primary Cause**.

PPOs -

The information disclosed includes damages 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 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 Numbers

Please note we have suppressed low figures (and high figures that would make it possible to work out low numbers) 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 2000, 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. Where we are in the territory of such small numbers in the attached, we have used a '#' symbol in the relevant field. You should still be able to see aggregate/total details for higher level fields containing this data.

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

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.

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
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Wilmslow
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<https://ico.org.uk/>

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Notified	Y
ClinicalNonClinical	Clinical

Year of Notification	No. of Claims
--Primary Injury	
2020/21	
Brain Damage	135
Stillborn	117
Unnecessary Pain	107
Not Specified	91
Fatality	76
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	75
Cerebral Palsy	72
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	65
Loss Of Baby	44
Hypoxia	37
Bladder Damage	27
Erb's Palsy	22
Other	20
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	19
Sepsis	19
Infection (bacterial)	19
Scarring	15
Incontinence	12
Infertility	11
Tissue Damage	10
Removal Of Fallopian Tube	10
Other Infection	9
Pressure Sores	9
Bruising/ Extravasation	9
Wrongful Birth	9
Fistula	8
Cardiac Arrest	8
Developmental Delay	7
Nerve Damage	7
Respiratory Disorder/ Failure	6
Foetal Abnormality	5
Thrombosis/Embolism	5
Fracture	5
Stroke	5
Burn(s)	5
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	57
2021/22	
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	120
Stillborn	108
Unnecessary Pain	105
Brain Damage	103
Not Specified	96
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	95
Fatality	85
Cerebral Palsy	62
Loss Of Baby	36
Bladder Damage	33
Hypoxia	32
Erb's Palsy	30
Scarring	21
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	19
Fracture	17
Infection (bacterial)	17
Sepsis	16
Other	15
Incontinence	14
Pressure Sores	14
Nerve Damage	13
Multiple Injuries	13

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Notified	Y
ClinicalNonClinical	Clinical

Year of Notification	
--Primary Injury	No. of Claims
Thrombosis/Embolism	13
Bruising/ Extravasation	11
Rupture	11
Cardiac Arrest	10
Wrongful Birth	8
Tissue Damage	7
Hypoglycaemia	7
Developmental Delay	7
Other Infection	7
Fistula	7
Infertility	7
Burn(s)	6
Downs Syndrome	5
Removal Of Fallopian Tube	5
Stroke	5
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	63
2022/23	
Brain Damage	138
Stillborn	131
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	129
Unnecessary Pain	128
Fatality	108
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	88
Hypoxia	70
Cerebral Palsy	68
Loss Of Baby	64
Not Specified	42
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	32
Infection (bacterial)	27
Erb's Palsy	24
Other	23
Scarring	22
Sepsis	22
Bladder Damage	21
Fracture	19
Incontinence	16
Bruising/ Extravasation	15
Rupture	14
Pressure Sores	13
Wrongful Birth	11
Removal Of Fallopian Tube	11
Nerve Damage	11
Developmental Delay	9
Thrombosis/Embolism	8
Cardiac Arrest	8
Perforation	8
Tissue Damage	8
Renal Damage/ Failure	7
Hypoglycaemia	7
Other Infection	6
Burn(s)	6
Stroke	5
Chromosomal Abnormality	5
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	68
2023/24	
Stillborn	181
Unnecessary Pain	147
Brain Damage	144
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	135
Fatality	106

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Notified	Y
ClinicalNonClinical	Clinical

Year of Notification	No. of Claims
--Primary Injury	
Adtn/unnecessary Operation(s)	101
Loss Of Baby	57
Cerebral Palsy	51
Hypoxia	42
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	35
Bladder Damage	30
Infection (bacterial)	28
Incontinence	21
Not Specified	20
Erb's Palsy	17
Sepsis	16
Scarring	15
Thrombosis/Embolism	15
Fracture	15
Nerve Damage	14
Wrongful Birth	14
Pressure Sores	13
Other	11
Tissue Damage	11
Burn(s)	9
Cardiac Arrest	9
Infertility	9
Developmental Delay	8
Multiple Injuries	8
Rupture	7
Renal Damage/ Failure	7
Anaphylact Shock/Allergic Shock/allergy	6
Other Infection	6
Poor Outcome - Fractures Etc.	5
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	80
2024/25	
Brain Damage	159
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	136
Stillborn	127
Unnecessary Pain	125
Adtn/unnecessary Operation(s)	108
Fatality	82
Cerebral Palsy	48
Loss Of Baby	42
Hypoxia	38
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	27
Bladder Damage	24
Infection (bacterial)	24
Sepsis	23
Scarring	20
Bruising/ Extravasation	20
Erb's Palsy	19
Fracture	18
Other	18
Incontinence	16
Thrombosis/Embolism	14
Removal Of Fallopian Tube	12
Wrongful Birth	12
Tissue Damage	11
Pressure Sores	11
Rupture	10
Infertility	10
Nerve Damage	10
Multiple Injuries	9
Developmental Delay	9

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Notified	Y
ClinicalNonClinical	Clinical

Year of Notification	
--Primary Injury	No. of Claims
Not Specified	7
Cosmetic Disfigurement	7
Unknown	6
Hypoglycaemia	5
Cardiac Arrest	5
Burn(s)	5
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	69
Grand Total	6,471

Table 2: Number of Clinical Claims and Incidents received between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' where the Speciality is 'Obstetrics', broken down by Primary Cause.

Notified	Y
ClinicalNonClinical	Clinical

Year of Notification --Primary Cause	No. of Claims
2020/21	
Fail / Delay Treatment	235
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	95
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	78
Not Specified	78
Inappropriate Treatment	56
Fail To Monitor 2nd Stg Labour	56
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	43
Fail To Make Resp To Abnrm FHR	41
Fail Antenatal Screening	40
Fail To Monitor 1st Stg Labour	38
Delay In Performing Operation	31
Inadequate Nursing Care	31
Intra-Op Problems	24
Birth Defects	19
Failure To Perform Tests	19
Fail To Act On Abnrm Test Res	18
Foreign Body Left In Situ	18
Other	17
Perineal Tear-1st,2nd,3rd Deg	16
Operator Error	15
Forceps Delivery	14
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	12
Inappropriate Discharge	12
Application Of Excess Force	11
Fail/Delay Admitting To Hosp.	11
Fail To Interpret USS	11
Failure To Perform Operation	8
Infusion Problems	8
Inapp Use Of Forceps/Ventouse	8
Fail To Correctly Apply Forcep	7
Unexpected Death	7
Fail To Diag Pre-Eclampsia	7
Fail/Delay Referring To Hosp.	6
Lack Of Assistance/Care	6
Err With Agnt/Dose/Route/Selec	5
Fail To Supervise	5
Medication Errors	5
Causes with less than 5 Claims	46
2021/22	
Fail / Delay Treatment	263
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	105
Fail To Make Resp To Abnrm FHR	81
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	76
Not Specified	68
Fail Antenatal Screening	55
Fail To Monitor 2nd Stg Labour	55
Inappropriate Treatment	50
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	49
Fail To Monitor 1st Stg Labour	42
Inadequate Nursing Care	25

Table 2: Number of Clinical Claims and Incidents received between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' where the Speciality is 'Obstetrics', broken down by Primary Cause.

Notified	Y
ClinicalNonClinical	Clinical

Year of Notification	No. of Claims
--Primary Cause	
Birth Defects	25
Forceps Delivery	24
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	22
Delay In Performing Operation	20
Foreign Body Left In Situ	15
Perineal Tear-1st,2nd,3rd Deg	15
Operator Error	14
Intra-Op Problems	14
Fail To Interpret USS	14
Unexpected Death	13
Failure To Perform Tests	13
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	12
Failure To Perform Operation	12
Medication Errors	10
Lack Of Assistance/Care	10
Bacterial Infection	10
Fail/Delay Admitting To Hosp.	9
Fail To Supervise	9
Application Of Excess Force	8
Fail To Correctly Apply Forcep	8
Inappropriate Discharge	8
Inapp Use Of Forceps/Ventouse	7
Wrong Diagnosis	7
Equipment Malfunction	6
Other	5
Fail/Delay Referring To Hosp.	5
Fail To Carry Out PO Observs.	5
Fail To Diag Pre-Eclampsia	5
Causes with less than 5 Claims	49
2022/23	
Fail / Delay Treatment	324
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	129
Fail To Make Resp To Abnrm FHR	88
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	66
Fail Antenatal Screening	62
Fail To Monitor 1st Stg Labour	60
Fail To Monitor 2nd Stg Labour	55
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	55
Not Specified	47
Inappropriate Treatment	44
Failure To Perform Tests	38
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	37
Intra-Op Problems	24
Delay In Performing Operation	24
Inadequate Nursing Care	23
Perineal Tear-1st,2nd,3rd Deg	21
Forceps Delivery	18
Lack Of Assistance/Care	16
Fail/Delay Admitting To Hosp.	16
Operator Error	14
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Notified	Y
ClinicalNonClinical	Clinical

Year of Notification	No. of Claims
--Primary Cause	
Fail To Correctly Apply Forcep	14
Inappropriate Discharge	13
Fail To Diag Pre-Eclampsia	12
Medication Errors	12
Birth Defects	11
Failure To Perform Operation	11
Unexpected Death	10
Other	10
Inapp Use Of Forceps/Ventouse	10
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	9
Infusion Problems	9
Fail To Supervise	9
Application Of Excess Force	9
Fail/Delay Referring To Hosp.	7
Wrong Diagnosis	5
Inadequate Monitoring Intra-Op	5
Causes with less than 5 Claims	61
2023/24	
Fail / Delay Treatment	325
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	113
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	82
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	81
Fail To Monitor 2nd Stg Labour	76
Fail Antenatal Screening	68
Fail To Make Resp To Abnrm FHR	61
Fail To Monitor 1st Stg Labour	50
Inappropriate Treatment	48
Failure To Perform Tests	33
Inadequate Nursing Care	29
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Intra-Op Problems	27
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Forceps Delivery	24
Not Specified	24
Perineal Tear-1st,2nd,3rd Deg	22
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Foreign Body Left In Situ	18
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Lack Of Assistance/Care	17
Medication Errors	14
Birth Defects	14
Operator Error	13
Inappropriate Discharge	13
Inapp Use Of Forceps/Ventouse	10
Other	9
Fail/Delay Referring To Hosp.	9
Fail To Interpret USS	7
Failure To Perform Operation	7
Fail To Correctly Apply Forcep	6
Application Of Excess Force	6

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Notified	Y
ClinicalNonClinical	Clinical

Year of Notification	No. of Claims
--Primary Cause	
Bacterial Infection	5
Wrong Diagnosis	5
Labial Tear	5
Equipment Malfunction	5
Perform. Of Op. Not Indicated	5
Fail Mon Dose/rate Syntocinon	5
Causes with less than 5 Claims	47
2024/25	
Fail / Delay Treatment	289
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	120
Fail To Make Resp To Abnrm FHR	79
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	74
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	74
Fail Antenatal Screening	58
Fail To Monitor 2nd Stg Labour	57
Inappropriate Treatment	41
Fail To Monitor 1st Stg Labour	38
Failure To Perform Tests	35
Inadequate Nursing Care	34
Operator Error	26
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	24
Delay In Performing Operation	23
Perineal Tear-1st,2nd,3rd Deg	22
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Wrong Diagnosis	10
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Inapp Use Of Forceps/Ventouse	10
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ClosedSettled	Y
ClaimOutcome	Damages Paid
ClinicalNonClinical	Clinical

Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid	Total Paid
--Primary Injury					
2020/21					
Unnecessary Pain	79	3,237,666	641,395	3,464,095	7,343,157
Stillborn	79	4,287,570	443,737	2,982,278	7,713,585
Cerebral Palsy	67	248,056,117	9,127,638	22,040,918	279,224,673
Fatality	66	8,604,185	856,051	4,099,329	13,559,565
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	58	2,548,069	569,012	3,304,931	6,422,012
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	42	2,084,124	443,823	1,497,441	4,025,388
Brain Damage	40	134,628,482	4,080,741	10,906,146	149,615,370
Bladder Damage	24	2,431,123	315,761	1,558,326	4,305,210
Erb's Palsy	23	9,611,649	973,596	2,920,627	13,505,872
Loss Of Baby	18	820,296	178,653	905,827	1,904,776
Incontinence	17	3,143,076	354,815	1,219,102	4,716,993
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	16	3,019,698	360,866	1,515,492	4,896,055
Pressure Sores	15	177,375	49,954	298,080	525,410
Scarring	10	129,041	43,047	314,500	486,588
Removal Of Fallopian Tube	8	138,000	23,786	188,265	350,051
Bruising/ Extravasation	8	80,750	24,886	160,250	265,886
Cardiac Arrest	7	1,611,387	170,709	526,250	2,308,346
Fistula	7	2,131,152	164,898	729,760	3,025,810
Developmental Delay	6	15,046,276	677,722	1,229,180	16,953,178
Wrongful Birth	6	24,775,000	680,385	2,181,500	27,636,885
Fracture	5	228,637	96,713	314,575	639,925
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	72	35,176,053	1,802,774	6,439,977	43,418,804
2021/22					
Stillborn	94	4,808,859	602,994	4,326,399	9,738,252
Unnecessary Pain	83	2,165,208	517,260	2,695,866	5,378,334
Fatality	69	17,045,004	1,595,301	6,063,986	24,704,292
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	59	3,737,960	599,638	2,596,497	6,934,094
Cerebral Palsy	53	205,581,059	6,389,736	19,685,598	231,656,393
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	49	1,841,625	357,964	1,985,396	4,184,985
Brain Damage	46	135,300,387	4,579,930	13,476,772	153,357,090
Loss Of Baby	36	1,681,369	259,739	1,405,694	3,346,803
Erb's Palsy	27	16,504,862	1,377,485	4,679,208	22,561,555
Bladder Damage	21	1,870,517	150,336	783,649	2,804,502
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	21	2,586,156	589,996	1,866,375	5,042,527
Scarring	14	382,955	136,846	912,402	1,432,202
Incontinence	14	4,680,441	531,935	1,632,400	6,844,776
Pressure Sores	12	177,000	32,004	223,850	432,854
Removal Of Fallopian Tube	11	211,005	36,931	282,675	530,611
Fistula	11	3,035,519	370,226	1,684,896	5,090,641
Thrombosis/Embolism	11	977,678	138,802	491,750	1,608,230
Other Infection	10	213,037	140,307	385,819	739,164
Infertility	10	1,148,741	203,835	733,373	2,085,948
Rupture	9	262,915	36,193	254,150	553,258
Other	9	152,000	35,154	340,823	527,977
Bruising/ Extravasation	8	262,165	26,450	190,025	478,640
Wrongful Birth	7	40,806,777	741,676	3,513,708	45,062,162
Nerve Damage	7	2,241,738	302,608	818,000	3,362,346
Tissue Damage	6	800,810	41,884	252,100	1,094,794
Foetal Abnormality	6	8,139,142	183,762	691,000	9,013,905
Perforation	6	379,500	61,691	307,000	748,191
Developmental Delay	5	21,181,217	631,246	2,181,000	23,993,463
Renal Damage/ Failure	5	300,065	79,813	204,664	584,541
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	44	25,266,238	1,145,548	3,449,918	29,861,704
2022/23					
Stillborn	78	7,011,007	849,221	4,646,174	12,506,402
Cerebral Palsy	73	310,852,887	10,530,767	31,169,807	352,553,461
Unnecessary Pain	62	4,602,547	649,499	2,994,853	8,246,900
Fatality	60	6,741,105	938,160	3,873,309	11,552,574
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	56	1,500,540	387,180	1,730,849	3,618,569
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	55	3,334,066	527,345	1,935,778	5,797,189
Brain Damage	45	151,470,468	5,085,115	14,349,757	170,905,340
Incontinence	21	9,853,990	546,830	2,446,127	12,846,947
Loss Of Baby	21	1,711,014	361,814	1,033,548	3,106,376
Bladder Damage	20	2,132,562	231,158	1,165,503	3,529,223
Erb's Palsy	18	14,570,727	1,017,213	3,314,600	18,902,540
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	16	7,672,806	585,885	3,239,250	11,497,940
Other Infection	12	272,487	266,582	445,260	1,684,329
Scarring	12	259,794	93,320	542,049	895,163
Other	11	413,911	89,787	643,344	1,147,042
Pressure Sores	10	191,500	16,222	212,950	420,672
Thrombosis/Embolism	9	1,252,283	62,123	390,500	1,704,906
Infection (bacterial)	8	48,674	12,990	96,981	158,645
Wrongful Birth	8	43,392,434	784,449	3,176,750	47,353,633
Burn(s)	7	42,500	23,543	206,957	273,001
Bruising/ Extravasation	7	96,500	31,471	185,800	313,771
Multiple Injuries	7	208,500	67,219	281,000	556,719
Sepsis	6	186,000	21,255	185,870	393,125
Rupture	5	129,000	28,658	259,000	416,658
Cardiac Arrest	5	86,000	20,545	184,000	290,545
Fracture	5	108,632	40,823	259,750	409,205
Fistula	5	1,220,637	137,184	539,038	1,896,859

Table 3: Number and Cost of Clinical Claims Closed (or settled with a periodical payment order) between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' with a damages payment, where the Specialty is 'Obstetrics', 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	Y
ClaimOutcome	Damages Paid
ClinicalNonClinical	Clinical

Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)						
--Primary Injury	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid	Total Paid	
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	45	26,536,347	1,632,716	5,430,789	33,599,852	
2023/24						
Stillborn	76	4,256,320	639,282	3,324,547	8,220,149	
Cerebral Palsy	67	322,283,842	10,749,729	29,247,642	362,281,214	
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	63	2,251,651	358,257	2,342,219	4,952,127	
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	62	3,262,497	535,879	3,174,573	6,972,948	
Unnecessary Pain	58	2,139,501	555,098	2,109,264	4,803,863	
Brain Damage	49	150,264,656	6,414,210	15,677,678	172,356,544	
Fatality	43	4,623,348	609,014	2,669,941	7,902,303	
Loss Of Baby	41	2,349,135	310,010	2,023,375	4,682,520	
Erb's Palsy	20	22,405,315	1,165,424	4,123,939	27,694,678	
Bladder Damage	17	3,815,281	213,629	1,055,402	5,084,312	
Pressure Sores	13	166,600	31,534	262,516	460,650	
Rupture	12	323,885	59,128	339,000	722,013	
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	12	14,371,289	287,184	1,407,631	16,066,104	
Incontinence	11	4,977,541	357,860	1,310,250	6,645,651	
Bruising/ Extravasation	10	249,000	20,881	252,250	522,131	
Scarring	9	585,371	146,369	617,250	1,348,990	
Infection (bacterial)	8	251,266	67,686	324,500	643,452	
Fistula	8	3,039,210	193,904	695,500	3,928,614	
Burn(s)	7	130,990	8,831	134,000	273,821	
Thrombosis/Embolism	7	1,464,000	123,164	442,500	2,029,664	
Other	6	250,096	27,621	171,525	449,242	
Fracture	6	262,340	65,888	261,092	589,319	
Sepsis	6	213,066	54,272	184,000	451,338	
Renal Damage/ Failure	6	743,985	124,006	518,000	1,385,990	
Nerve Damage	6	3,356,627	255,463	1,401,500	5,013,590	
Cardiac Arrest	5	692,000	57,307	369,000	1,118,307	
Infertility	5	464,750	205,460	662,490	1,332,700	
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	75	105,695,294	3,820,317	13,395,588	122,911,199	
2024/25						
Stillborn	108	7,853,565	988,718	6,294,861	15,137,144	
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	91	5,225,543	814,988	4,442,167	10,482,698	
Unnecessary Pain	84	2,520,796	524,005	3,496,120	6,540,921	
Cerebral Palsy	66	301,583,885	11,978,000	32,624,050	346,185,935	
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	66	2,111,707	447,344	2,861,382	5,420,433	
Fatality	64	5,963,118	908,833	4,326,463	11,198,414	
Brain Damage	56	206,174,665	7,364,207	24,606,076	238,144,948	
Loss Of Baby	29	1,425,165	149,713	1,239,444	2,814,322	
Erb's Palsy	17	12,050,172	1,116,429	3,364,546	16,531,146	
Infection (bacterial)	16	203,820	64,965	445,300	714,085	
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	16	3,409,050	416,014	1,729,240	5,554,304	
Pressure Sores	16	211,800	59,197	429,195	700,192	
Incontinence	16	6,789,104	696,068	2,345,243	9,830,415	
Scarring	14	352,750	76,414	632,000	1,061,164	
Bladder Damage	11	569,737	102,384	636,875	1,308,996	
Sepsis	10	145,995	115,802	298,000	559,797	
Wrongful Birth	10	17,768,648	939,036	2,179,682	20,887,366	
Bruising/ Extravasation	8	149,000	14,817	261,600	425,417	
Thrombosis/Embolism	8	405,714	32,481	217,250	655,445	
Fracture	7	5,090,150	182,769	849,375	6,122,294	
Burn(s)	7	96,438	9,782	140,125	246,345	
Rupture	6	9,044,980	314,326	1,536,250	10,895,556	
Fistula	6	1,048,608	96,540	519,750	1,664,898	
Hypoxia	6	321,307	127,482	224,400	673,189	
Other	6	561,820	45,936	308,080	915,836	
Nerve Damage	6	3,079,000	332,625	1,182,500	4,594,125	
Renal Damage/ Failure	5	216,941	46,939	289,300	553,180	
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	60	31,413,142	1,862,854	6,565,090	39,841,086	
Grand Total	3,646	2,882,982,068	126,303,403	424,392,972	3,433,678,443	

Table 4: Number and Cost of Clinical Claims Closed (or settled with a periodical payment order) between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' with a damages payment, where the Specialty is 'Obstetrics', 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	Y
ClaimOutcome	Damages Paid
ClinicalNonClinical	Clinical

Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid	Total Paid
2020/21					
Fail / Delay Treatment	141	61,847,512	3,337,708	11,707,528	76,892,747
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	56	11,465,739	829,095	3,248,521	15,543,354
Fail Antenatal Screening	38	44,484,276	1,581,133	6,536,207	52,601,616
Fail To Make Resp To Abnrm FHR	34	91,000,397	3,548,971	9,336,119	103,885,488
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	34	29,650,654	1,174,025	3,190,569	34,015,247
Fail To Monitor 2nd Stg Labour	30	55,591,477	2,487,353	5,945,380	64,024,209
Fail To Monitor 1st Stg Labour	24	41,206,668	1,660,445	4,625,063	47,492,176
Inappropriate Treatment	23	8,210,062	428,775	1,188,610	9,827,447
Inadequate Nursing Care	23	5,677,933	330,935	1,238,080	7,246,948
Perineal Tear-1st,2nd,3rd Deg	21	2,607,188	266,497	1,161,613	4,035,298
Operator Error	21	2,198,380	159,089	852,767	3,210,236
Intra-Op Problems	17	13,780,433	451,641	1,716,818	15,948,893
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	17	1,150,095	254,346	1,246,240	2,650,681
Delay In Performing Operation	16	20,030,230	591,558	1,862,957	22,484,745
Fail To Act On Abnrm Test Res	13	23,151,871	541,886	1,592,500	25,286,257
Application Of Excess Force	13	3,779,219	448,078	1,081,377	5,308,674
Forceps Delivery	12	7,589,320	445,795	2,098,077	10,133,192
Failure To Perform Tests	11	19,986,115	480,638	1,475,000	21,941,753
Fail/Delay Admitting To Hosp.	9	6,700,507	157,427	811,032	7,668,966
Medication Errors	8	123,500	42,265	251,237	417,002
Foreign Body Left In Situ	8	923,425	127,961	242,700	1,294,086
Fail To Interpret USS	8	4,023,300	375,159	989,550	5,388,009
Birth Defects	7	18,428,216	595,268	1,236,974	20,260,458
Inappropriate Discharge	6	355,186	89,561	316,225	760,972
Fail To Carry Out PO Observs.	6	6,869,349	180,536	786,715	7,836,600
Fail To Supervise	5	132,500	33,376	94,250	260,126
Inapp Use Of Forceps/Ventouse	5	569,137	86,828	264,000	919,965
Other	5	574,000	69,012	220,000	863,012
Causes with less than 5 Claims	62	19,859,041	1,305,599	3,480,743	24,645,383
2021/22					
Fail / Delay Treatment	141	46,347,573	3,196,039	11,184,059	60,727,670
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	78	13,036,313	1,349,523	5,155,294	19,541,130
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	49	10,493,080	948,589	3,850,288	15,291,957
Fail To Monitor 2nd Stg Labour	42	84,566,890	2,847,748	8,874,740	96,289,378
Inappropriate Treatment	40	15,274,641	836,421	3,355,188	19,466,249
Fail Antenatal Screening	39	63,770,295	1,754,878	7,121,919	72,647,092
Fail To Make Resp To Abnrm FHR	30	78,413,999	2,479,093	9,007,583	89,900,676
Inadequate Nursing Care	27	673,554	122,854	623,850	1,420,258
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	25	31,154,628	882,870	3,265,586	35,303,084
Fail To Monitor 1st Stg Labour	23	27,046,511	1,237,209	3,828,180	32,111,900
Fail To Act On Abnrm Test Res	19	19,997,241	867,201	2,156,963	23,021,404
Failure To Perform Tests	18	13,256,128	353,507	1,666,722	15,276,356
Delay In Performing Operation	17	3,469,634	334,261	849,844	4,653,739
Foreign Body Left In Situ	17	201,893	19,366	281,498	502,758
Perineal Tear-1st,2nd,3rd Deg	16	2,848,723	385,639	1,363,389	4,597,751
Intra-Op Problems	15	479,716	108,832	743,709	1,332,257
Operator Error	13	1,341,359	97,544	588,502	2,027,405
Fail To Diag Pre-Eclampsia	12	501,665	100,323	563,344	1,165,332
Birth Defects	12	15,373,170	590,854	2,063,796	18,027,819
Application Of Excess Force	12	5,104,103	608,597	1,889,459	7,602,159
Forceps Delivery	9	2,526,449	235,479	655,497	3,417,425
Retained Instrument Post-Operation	7	593,500	64,527	363,100	1,021,127
Fail To Interpret USS	7	13,744,884	440,132	1,572,850	15,757,866
Bacterial Infection	7	6,385,612	344,111	968,687	7,698,410
Unexpected Death	6	240,500	46,621	299,000	586,121
Infusion Problems	6	145,250	9,570	152,125	306,945
Not Specified	5	170,783	78,296	127,150	376,229
Fail Mon Dose/rate Syntocinon	5	13,615,804	442,128	1,112,696	15,170,628
Inapp Use Of Forceps/Ventouse	5	7,042,756	302,910	929,582	8,275,248
Causes with less than 5 Claims	61	25,925,296	812,169	3,500,395	30,237,860
2022/23					
Fail / Delay Treatment	131	64,696,054	3,730,740	13,565,127	81,991,921
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	58	23,135,197	1,132,798	3,833,178	28,101,172
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	51	48,117,114	2,083,133	6,938,550	57,138,796
Fail To Monitor 2nd Stg Labour	46	100,470,069	3,260,266	8,937,549	112,667,884
Fail To Make Resp To Abnrm FHR	39	89,597,604	3,797,758	10,308,260	103,703,622
Fail Antenatal Screening	29	44,578,800	1,203,655	4,637,349	50,419,804
Inappropriate Treatment	28	6,563,171	470,421	2,072,640	9,106,232
Fail To Monitor 1st Stg Labour	22	38,181,907	1,540,207	4,207,500	43,929,614
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	22	7,875,359	437,398	2,007,400	10,320,157
Delay In Performing Operation	16	15,796,051	502,460	1,902,498	18,201,009
Perineal Tear-1st,2nd,3rd Deg	16	7,122,818	520,846	2,650,788	10,294,453
Operator Error	15	558,812	60,250	446,750	1,065,812
Fail To Act On Abnrm Test Res	14	4,089,737	330,317	1,093,705	5,513,759
Birth Defects	12	59,956,870	1,443,587	4,392,251	65,792,708
Foreign Body Left In Situ	12	128,165	28,748	228,396	385,308
Intra-Op Problems	11	475,616	126,292	537,819	1,139,727
Inadequate Nursing Care	11	364,500	51,624	374,950	791,074
Lack Of Assistance/Care	10	2,918,267	211,332	800,150	3,929,749
Failure To Perform Operation	10	3,510,753	352,245	1,374,045	5,237,043
Forceps Delivery	10	1,768,184	223,329	1,016,710	3,008,223

Table 4: Number and Cost of Clinical Claims Closed (or settled with a periodical payment order) between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' with a damages payment, where the Specialty is 'Obstetrics', 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	Y
ClaimOutcome	Damages Paid
ClinicalNonClinical	Clinical

Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid	Total Paid
--Primary Cause					
Fail To Correctly Apply Forcep	10	2,470,670	154,910	830,023	3,455,602
Not Specified	8	322,500	40,999	249,500	612,999
Medication Errors	8	3,127,743	164,570	589,600	3,881,913
Inapp Use Of Forceps/Ventouse	7	563,705	99,344	402,495	1,065,544
Application Of Excess Force	7	4,634,917	325,127	1,384,100	6,344,143
Fail To Interpret USS	6	257,116	39,506	299,453	596,075
Failure To Perform Tests	6	11,412,589	545,208	2,857,237	14,815,034
Fail To Diag Pre-Eclampsia	6	627,299	87,334	451,500	1,166,133
Inappropriate Discharge	6	114,500	40,097	159,500	314,097
Wrong Diagnosis	6	8,339,897	125,699	504,500	8,970,096
Other	5	76,500	30,849	181,800	289,149
Causes with less than 5 Claims	49	44,746,434	1,878,027	5,704,272	52,328,734
2023/24					
Fail / Delay Treatment	132	119,176,780	4,152,776	14,047,470	137,377,026
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	66	30,286,275	1,744,240	6,881,467	38,911,982
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	52	32,015,712	1,764,618	5,753,998	39,534,328
Fail To Make Resp To Abnrm FHR	46	100,236,687	3,992,582	11,042,485	115,271,753
Fail Antenatal Screening	44	70,666,569	2,255,524	6,882,450	79,804,543
Fail To Monitor 2nd Stg Labour	42	90,057,089	2,890,064	7,841,269	100,788,422
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	32	37,946,685	1,098,267	4,176,250	43,221,203
Fail To Monitor 1st Stg Labour	31	54,533,557	2,583,245	7,823,687	64,940,489
Inappropriate Treatment	28	4,829,449	711,718	2,039,750	7,580,917
Intra-Op Problems	25	7,137,289	539,991	1,893,600	9,570,880
Inadequate Nursing Care	17	5,681,703	355,498	1,362,376	7,399,576
Fail To Act On Abnrm Test Res	16	7,718,109	299,990	1,150,250	9,168,350
Delay In Performing Operation	15	10,398,982	638,890	2,054,365	13,092,238
Operator Error	14	1,510,842	157,211	702,050	2,370,102
Forceps Delivery	10	9,215,150	735,637	2,293,588	12,244,375
Foreign Body Left In Situ	10	72,225	14,101	180,652	266,978
Medication Errors	7	363,141	61,514	277,000	701,656
Fail To Correctly Apply Forcep	7	6,079,750	310,668	745,800	7,136,218
Application Of Excess Force	7	2,880,000	254,718	939,212	4,073,930
Fail/Delay Admitting To Hosp.	7	4,520,568	271,982	687,500	5,480,051
Failure To Perform Tests	7	1,492,550	80,309	246,150	1,819,009
Not Specified	6	204,268	48,165	150,000	402,433
Perineal Tear-1st,2nd,3rd Deg	6	778,689	120,327	508,750	1,407,766
Fail To Supervise	6	168,675	48,519	225,630	442,824
Fail To Interpret USS	5	15,947,538	549,045	2,120,000	18,616,584
Other	5	5,718,647	207,311	782,750	6,708,708
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	5	454,227	48,682	166,750	669,658
Causes with less than 5 Claims	60	34,797,697	1,521,814	5,521,923	41,841,434
2024/25					
Fail / Delay Treatment	156	94,614,161	4,324,176	16,045,445	114,983,782
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	69	14,364,227	997,971	4,560,866	19,923,064
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	60	71,672,382	3,044,516	11,842,415	86,559,313
Fail Antenatal Screening	45	26,799,240	1,126,317	4,195,558	32,121,115
Fail To Make Resp To Abnrm FHR	40	103,721,804	4,707,683	13,065,480	121,494,968
Fail To Monitor 2nd Stg Labour	39	71,680,292	2,763,106	10,203,373	84,646,771
Fail To Monitor 1st Stg Labour	36	53,644,456	2,216,774	7,419,829	63,281,059
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	35	23,063,613	1,098,132	3,624,240	27,785,985
Inappropriate Treatment	25	2,963,391	456,765	1,415,575	4,835,731
Fail To Act On Abnrm Test Res	22	14,015,851	611,575	2,719,350	17,346,776
Forceps Delivery	20	12,037,144	485,409	2,395,050	14,917,603
Failure To Perform Tests	17	1,208,447	153,631	795,696	2,157,773
Inadequate Nursing Care	16	3,289,012	341,149	1,108,475	4,738,636
Perineal Tear-1st,2nd,3rd Deg	15	3,996,457	332,015	1,583,843	5,912,315
Operator Error	13	5,900,000	356,898	1,384,000	7,640,898
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	13	8,617,157	464,180	1,416,070	10,497,407
Foreign Body Left In Situ	13	156,600	14,054	170,125	340,779
Intra-Op Problems	12	5,068,500	221,614	817,250	6,107,364
Lack Of Assistance/Care	12	3,181,300	222,493	710,820	4,114,613
Medication Errors	11	4,369,725	189,226	1,274,550	5,833,501
Delay In Performing Operation	10	22,143,262	778,781	1,737,576	24,659,619
Inappropriate Discharge	10	211,165	125,823	364,650	701,638
Not Specified	9	362,477	76,098	363,233	801,808
Fail To Interpret USS	9	3,196,156	420,073	1,053,550	4,669,779
Fail/Delay Admitting To Hosp.	9	12,017,647	317,539	948,420	13,283,606
Application Of Excess Force	8	7,480,543	660,761	2,066,852	10,208,156
Birth Defects	8	15,091,831	733,913	1,372,483	17,198,227
Fail To Diag Pre-Eclampsia	8	5,146,887	218,295	1,209,500	6,574,682
Inapp Use Of Forceps/Ventouse	7	100,000	45,356	337,375	482,731
Fail To Correctly Apply Forcep	7	1,770,681	148,105	960,500	2,879,286
Infusion Problems	5	100,750	9,172	149,250	259,172
Fail To Supervise	5	229,000	81,073	496,000	806,073
Causes with less than 5 Claims	51	33,572,463	2,085,995	6,236,966	41,895,424
Grand Total	3,646	2,882,982,068	126,303,403	424,392,972	3,433,678,443

Table 5: Number and Cost of Clinical Claims Closed between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' with NIL damages, where the Specialty is 'Obstetrics', broken down by Primary Injury.

ClosedSettled	Y
ClaimOutcome	Nil Damages
ClinicalNonClinical	Clinical

Year of Closure --Primary Injury	No. of Claims	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid
2020/21			
Brain Damage	44	906,948	0
Unnecessary Pain	36	92,347	0
Stillborn	30	93,665	#
Adtn/unnecessary Operation(s)	30	85,358	#
Cerebral Palsy	29	888,815	0
Fatality	21	121,269	0
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	20	52,409	0
Not Specified	20	129,422	0
Scarring	17	30,708	0
Loss Of Baby	13	23,871	0
Bladder Damage	8	16,333	0
Developmental Delay	8	77,853	0
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	5	53,403	0
Tissue Damage	5	6,650	0
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	72	580,097	#
2021/22			
Brain Damage	69	1,438,981	0
Not Specified	43	412,991	0
Unnecessary Pain	35	72,659	0
Cerebral Palsy	35	927,384	0
Adtn/unnecessary Operation(s)	34	55,174	17,000
Hypoxia	32	283,540	0
Fatality	31	121,627	0
Stillborn	30	130,606	0
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	21	49,196	0
Erb's Palsy	12	140,031	#
Loss Of Baby	11	20,433	0
Infection (bacterial)	9	15,893	0
Sepsis	8	12,250	0
Bladder Damage	6	78,125	0
Respiratory Disorder/ Failure	5	43,174	0
Bruising/ Extravasation	5	9,369	0
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	66	559,511	28,000
2022/23			
Not Specified	81	633,803	0
Brain Damage	65	1,119,548	0
Cerebral Palsy	46	1,429,347	0
Unnecessary Pain	44	139,310	0
Hypoxia	43	519,855	9,000
Adtn/unnecessary Operation(s)	35	85,499	0
Fatality	33	299,635	11,000
Stillborn	25	234,339	#
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	24	37,924	0
Loss Of Baby	18	39,477	0
Erb's Palsy	16	164,193	#
Infection (bacterial)	13	32,556	0
Bladder Damage	12	106,810	0
Sepsis	9	29,454	0
Scarring	9	19,292	0
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	9	72,894	0
Nerve Damage	8	41,900	0
Other	7	37,106	0
Stroke	5	48,811	0
Rupture	5	5,155	0
Fracture	5	24,772	0
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	63	469,047	24,941
2023/24			
Brain Damage	58	873,846	0
Unnecessary Pain	46	143,717	0
Hypoxia	43	615,613	0
Stillborn	39	93,482	#
Fatality	39	190,297	0
Not Specified	36	397,177	0
Adtn/unnecessary Operation(s)	31	73,926	0
Cerebral Palsy	28	566,667	0

Table 5: Number and Cost of Clinical Claims Closed between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' with NIL damages, where the Specialty is 'Obstetrics', broken down by Primary Injury.

ClosedSettled	Y
ClaimOutcome	Nil Damages
ClinicalNonClinical	Clinical

Year of Closure	No. of Claims	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid
--Primary Injury			
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	26	67,998	0
Loss Of Baby	17	159,125	0
Scarring	14	38,830	0
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	11	20,401	0
Erb's Palsy	10	96,866	0
Infection (bacterial)	10	39,409	0
Nerve Damage	7	88,059	0
Sepsis	7	43,445	0
Bladder Damage	5	24,031	0
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	69	512,560	26,700
2024/25			
Brain Damage	73	1,457,631	0
Unnecessary Pain	55	92,409	0
Hypoxia	50	839,178	0
Fatality	41	185,577	0
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	39	287,269	0
Stillborn	38	125,277	0
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	29	63,406	0
Cerebral Palsy	27	755,898	0
Loss Of Baby	14	59,812	0
Not Specified	13	137,955	0
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	11	51,367	0
Scarring	11	26,365	0
Bladder Damage	10	58,926	0
Infection (bacterial)	10	41,302	0
Nerve Damage	8	62,577	0
Sepsis	7	33,750	0
Thrombosis/Embolism	5	13,270	0
Erb's Palsy	5	43,126	0
Fracture	5	13,539	0
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	60	362,828	16,840
Grand Total	2,392	21,877,729	141,248

Table 6: Number and Cost of Clinical Claims Closed between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' with NIL damages, where the Specialty is 'Obstetrics', broken down by Primary Cause.

ClosedSettled	Y
ClaimOutcome	Nil Damages
ClinicalNonClinical	Clinical

Year of Closure	No. of Claims	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid
--Primary Cause			
2020/21			
Fail / Delay Treatment	67	548,214	#
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	21	75,318	0
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	20	205,233	0
Fail To Monitor 2nd Stg Labour	19	290,832	0
Inappropriate Treatment	18	54,829	0
Fail Antenatal Screening	17	277,573	0
Fail To Make Resp To Abnrm FHR	16	251,666	0
Not Specified	15	98,881	0
Intra-Op Problems	13	76,079	0
Forceps Delivery	12	29,469	0
Delay In Performing Operation	12	127,937	0
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	9	97,522	0
Fail To Monitor 1st Stg Labour	9	244,119	0
Birth Defects	8	66,174	#
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	8	211,375	0
Perineal Tear-1st,2nd,3rd Deg	7	26,950	0
Failure To Perform Tests	7	83,276	0
Application Of Excess Force	7	41,402	0
Operator Error	5	5,061	0
Bacterial Infection	5	33,317	0
Other	5	18,010	0
Causes with less than 5 Claims	58	295,910	#
2021/22			
Fail / Delay Treatment	91	732,235	17,000
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	36	244,859	0
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	34	269,142	#
Fail To Make Resp To Abnrm FHR	32	446,140	0
Not Specified	31	226,599	0
Fail To Monitor 2nd Stg Labour	28	616,650	0
Fail To Monitor 1st Stg Labour	20	519,372	0
Inappropriate Treatment	17	102,507	0
Fail Antenatal Screening	16	129,457	0
Birth Defects	13	281,639	0
Failure To Perform Tests	11	104,203	0
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	11	22,415	0
Other	9	50,083	0
Intra-Op Problems	8	76,000	0
Inadequate Nursing Care	8	13,165	0
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	8	77,500	0
Foreign Body Left In Situ	5	21,919	0
Delay In Performing Operation	5	16,456	28,000
Perineal Tear-1st,2nd,3rd Deg	5	14,224	0
Application Of Excess Force	5	76,847	0
Causes with less than 5 Claims	59	329,535	0
2022/23			
Fail / Delay Treatment	124	1,323,970	0
Not Specified	64	406,561	9,000
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	47	237,981	0
Fail To Make Resp To Abnrm FHR	44	909,993	0
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	32	395,547	0
Fail To Monitor 2nd Stg Labour	30	538,698	0
Inappropriate Treatment	23	108,707	0
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	18	173,626	6,166
Fail Antenatal Screening	18	189,593	0
Fail To Monitor 1st Stg Labour	17	260,123	0
Delay In Performing Operation	12	84,632	0
Birth Defects	10	92,819	0
Forceps Delivery	9	57,043	0
Other	9	64,008	0
Fail To Correctly Apply Forcep	8	64,645	0
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	8	54,023	20,000
Failure To Perform Tests	8	68,653	0
Operator Error	6	19,419	0
Unexpected Death	5	24,333	0
Inappropriate Discharge	5	60,141	0
Inadequate Nursing Care	5	9,021	0
Inapp Use Of Forceps/Ventouse	5	18,697	0
Application Of Excess Force	5	59,718	0
Causes with less than 5 Claims	63	368,775	14,840

Table 6: Number and Cost of Clinical Claims Closed between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' with NIL damages, where the Specialty is 'Obstetrics', broken down by Primary Cause.

ClosedSettled	Y
ClaimOutcome	Nil Damages
ClinicalNonClinical	Clinical

Year of Closure --Primary Cause	No. of Claims	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid
2023/24			
Fail / Delay Treatment	112	934,494	0
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	43	277,459	26,700
Fail To Make Resp To Abnrm FHR	38	577,311	0
Fail Antenatal Screening	22	132,904	#
Not Specified	21	170,720	0
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	20	114,893	0
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	19	72,477	0
Fail To Monitor 1st Stg Labour	15	119,151	0
Fail To Monitor 2nd Stg Labour	15	136,983	0
Inadequate Nursing Care	14	99,871	0
Forceps Delivery	12	154,124	0
Birth Defects	11	124,410	0
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	10	71,633	0
Inappropriate Treatment	9	149,198	0
Intra-Op Problems	9	12,075	0
Fail/Delay Admitting To Hosp.	9	47,732	0
Failure To Perform Tests	8	23,042	0
Delay In Performing Operation	7	82,589	0
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	7	77,366	0
Other	6	90,734	0
Perineal Tear-1st,2nd,3rd Deg	6	36,258	0
Application Of Excess Force	5	37,825	0
Operator Error	5	8,413	0
Lack Of Assistance/Care	5	90,421	0
Fail To Correctly Apply Forcep	5	20,827	0
Fail/Delay Referring To Hosp.	5	49,272	0
Causes with less than 5 Claims	58	333,264	0
2024/25			
Fail / Delay Treatment	128	1,248,332	0
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	42	226,996	0
Fail To Monitor 2nd Stg Labour	38	438,735	0
Fail To Make Resp To Abnrm FHR	35	552,179	0
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	27	328,678	0
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	26	246,245	0
Fail To Monitor 1st Stg Labour	24	334,644	0
Inappropriate Treatment	20	302,317	0
Not Specified	17	132,100	0
Fail Antenatal Screening	11	60,916	0
Operator Error	10	34,259	16,840
Failure To Perform Tests	10	64,974	0
Inadequate Nursing Care	9	33,998	0
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	8	61,619	0
Delay In Performing Operation	8	92,465	0
Forceps Delivery	7	26,561	0
Fail/Delay Admitting To Hosp.	6	16,958	0
Perineal Tear-1st,2nd,3rd Deg	6	13,497	0
Fail/Delay Referring To Hosp.	6	30,099	0
Birth Defects	6	115,598	0
Medication Errors	6	10,743	0
Other	5	54,336	0
Failure To Perform Operation	5	30,074	0
Causes with less than 5 Claims	51	255,139	0
Grand Total	2,392	21,877,729	141,248