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The following information was requested on 17 November 2025:

Please treat this as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am seeking the following:

1. The total number of cases where inquest funding has been granted in:

- 2023*
- 2024*
- 2025 to date*

2. The total amounts paid to panel solicitors in relation to those inquest-funded cases for the same periods (2023, 2024, and 2025 to date).

3. For all of the above, please provide a breakdown by NHR region.

Our Response

Thank you for your request for information. Please note that we report in complete financial years. The data for the current financial year 2025/26 is unavailable. It will be available on request from August 2026. We are able to provide the data for the financial years between 2022/23 and 2024/25. Please find attached the information we are able to provide.

This represents what was paid in accordance with the rules of our indemnity [schemes](#) to support members at inquests and for associated costs to investigate entitlement to compensation. NHS Resolution has no involvement in any arrangements that an individual member might make outside of the [schemes](#). The amounts reported here may not be the total amounts incurred by our members as we may have only made a contribution to the inquest costs.

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

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

During the same period, payments will also have been made towards costs incurred by families at inquests where these are connected with investigations which lead to a subsequent compensation award. The costs incurred by families will not be included in the figures provided as we are unable to capture them separately as they are integral to the overall claims process.

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

Please find attached the following tables –

Table 1 shows: - Number of Clinical and Non-Clinical Claims and Incidents where a payment of type 'DC - Inquests Costs' has been made between financial years 2022/23 and 2024/25. Broken down by Payment Year and Region.

Please note: due to the way the data is extracted, it is likely that there are instances where the same claim appears more than once across different year groups – e.g. where there has been more than one inquest payment made on one claim, in different years.

Table 2 shows: - All Payments raised for Clinical and Non-Clinical Claims and Incidents between financial years 2022/23 and 2024/25 where the payment type name is 'DC - Inquests Costs'. Broken down by Payment Year and Region.

Low figures

We have not provided the information for low figures (or high numbers that make it possible to work out a low figure) 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 a number of [reports](#) from analysing our claims data, which has been shared following approval of the confidentiality advisory group to the use of confidential patient information for this purpose.

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

This concludes our response to your request.

If you are not satisfied with the service that you have received in response to your information request, it is open to you to make a complaint and request a formal review of our decisions. If you choose to do this, you should write to [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: All Payments raised for Clinical and Non-Clinical Claims and Incidents between financial years 2022/23 and 2024/25 where the payment type name is 'DC - Inquests Costs'. Broken down by Payment Year and Region.

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Payment Raised Year -- Reporting Region	No. of Claims
2022/23	
NORTH WEST	156
LONDON	88
EAST OF ENGLAND	87
SOUTH EAST	86
NORTH EAST AND YORKSHIRE	72
MIDLANDS	50
SOUTH WEST	#
ISP	#
National	#
2023/24	
NORTH WEST	147
EAST OF ENGLAND	109
NORTH EAST AND YORKSHIRE	100
SOUTH EAST	93
LONDON	63
MIDLANDS	55
ISP	#
SOUTH WEST	#
2024/25	
SOUTH EAST	130
NORTH WEST	95
NORTH EAST AND YORKSHIRE	87
EAST OF ENGLAND	69
LONDON	54
MIDLANDS	32
ISP	#
National	#
Grand Total	1,584

Table 2: All Payments raised for Clinical and Non-Clinical Claims and Incidents between financial years 2022/23 and 2024/25 where the payment type name is 'DC - Inquests Costs'. Broken down by Payment Year and Region.

Payment Year -- Reporting Region	Net Amount
2022/23	1,623,211
NORTH WEST	391,903
SOUTH EAST	329,296
EAST OF ENGLAND	279,542
LONDON	263,714
NORTH EAST AND YORKSHIRE	189,727
MIDLANDS	155,769
SOUTH WEST	#
ISP	#
National	#
2023/24	1,793,008
NORTH WEST	452,712
SOUTH EAST	388,022
EAST OF ENGLAND	299,787
NORTH EAST AND YORKSHIRE	275,274
LONDON	224,820
MIDLANDS	130,929
SOUTH WEST	#
ISP	#
2024/25	1,450,671
SOUTH EAST	524,055
NORTH WEST	220,831
LONDON	214,399
EAST OF ENGLAND	204,869
NORTH EAST AND YORKSHIRE	182,778
MIDLANDS	99,767
ISP	#
National	#
Grand Total	4,866,891