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The following information was requested on 25 November 2025:

How much was paid to DAC Beachcroft LLP between 2006 and 2024 to defend clinical negligence cases against NHS Trusts?

How many clinical negligence claims did DAC Beachcroft LLP handle in the same period?

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 [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 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 requested information.

Table 1 shows: - Number of CNST Claims and/or Incidents received by **DAC Beachcroft LLP** between financial years '**2006/07**' and '**2024/25**'.

Table 2 shows: - Number and associated NHS Legal Cost of CNST Claims Closed (or settled with a periodical payment order) between financial years '**2006/07**' and '**2024/25**' with a damages payment or NIL Damages Paid, where the Panel Firm is **DAC Beachcroft**.

The costs shown represent the overall amount paid at the point of closure, which may include payments made in previous years. In addition, DAC Beachcroft LLP may have received payments for claims that remain open and under investigation; however, we do not provide information about the value of these open cases within the current year.

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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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 1: Number of CNST Claims and/or Incidents received by DAC Beachcroft LLP between financial years '2006/07' and '2024/25'.

Notified	Y
Year of Notification	No. of Claims
2011/12	1,041
2012/13	1,251
2013/14	1,983
2014/15	1,967
2015/16	1,761
2016/17	1,751
2017/18	1,901
2018/19	1,732
2019/20	1,850
2020/21	1,973
2021/22	1,659
2022/23	1,847
2023/24	1,247
2024/25	1,404
Grand Total	23,367

Table 2: Number and associated NHS Legal Cost of CNST Claims Closed (or settled with a periodical payment order) between financial years '2006/07' and '2024/25' with a damages payment or NIL Damages Paid, where the Panel Firm is DAC Beachcroft.

ClosedSettled	Y
ClaimOutcome	(Multiple Items)

Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)	No. of Claims	NHS Legal Costs Paid
2011/12	977	11,671,285
2012/13	1,149	13,657,407
2013/14	1,096	10,246,317
2014/15	1,663	11,846,506
2015/16	1,727	15,403,290
2016/17	2,205	21,699,907
2017/18	2,445	21,997,383
2018/19	2,081	20,679,489
2019/20	2,017	24,133,337
2020/21	1,787	21,542,740
2021/22	1,863	22,817,786
2022/23	1,864	25,187,668
2023/24	1,408	16,785,779
2024/25	1,451	18,883,142
Grand Total	23,733	256,552,038