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The following information was requested on 16 February 2026:

*I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to please request the following information relating to **paediatric claims**. Please provide the following information:*
1. The number of clinical negligence claims received for financial years 2021-22 through to 2024-2025 relating to paediatrics. Please provide the information broken down by individual NHS Trust and by injury category if possible.
2. The number of settled claims relating to paediatrics by financial year for the years 2021-2022 through to 2024-2025. Please provide the settlement amounts as well as the information by Individual NHS Trust and by injury category if possible.
Please confirm if the data is provided under the Open Government Licence (OGL) or the Re-Use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015. If the latter I would like to request the information for a news story.

Our Response

Please find attached the requested information. This information only covers England and 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 https://resolution.nhs.uk/resources/understanding-nhs-resolution-data.

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. Not all claims received will result in an award of compensation.

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 unsuccessful), challenged, reopened, and closed again at conclusion.

The data shows variation in numbers of cases 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 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.

The data provided covers our CNST Scheme. For more information, please refer to: [Clinical schemes - NHS Resolution].

Please find attached the following tables:

Table 1 shows: - Number of CNST Claims and Incidents received between financial years '2021/22' and '2024/25' where the Specialty is '**Paediatrics**', broken down by NHS Trust.

Table 2 shows: - Number of CNST Claims and Incidents received between financial years '2021/22' and '2024/25' where the Specialty is '**Paediatrics**', broken down by Primary Injury.

Table 3 shows: - Number and Cost of CNST Claims Closed (or settled with a periodical payment order) between financial years '2021/22' and '2024/25' with a damages payment, where the Specialty is '**Paediatrics**', broken down by NHS Trust. 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 4 shows: - Number and Cost of CNST Claims Closed (or settled with a periodical payment order) between financial years '2021/22' and '2024/25'
with a damages payment, where the Specialty is '**Paediatrics**', 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.

Please note: these tables should not be interpreted as a league table. Larger member organisations and those which provide more complex treatments may receive more claims than smaller organisations or those providing low risk care. Inevitably, different institutions face different levels of risk because of the variations in the nature and complexity of the procedures they perform.

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 suppressed 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 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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Table 1: Number of CNST Claims and Incidents received between financial years '2021/22' and '2024/25' where the Specialty is 'Paediatrics', broken down by NHS Trust.

Notified	Y

Year of Notification --NHS Trust	No. of Claims
2021/22	**175**
Trusts with less than 5 claims	**133**
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust	12
University Hospitals Bristol & Weston NHS Foundation Trust	6
King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	6
Barts Health NHS Trust	6
East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust	6
Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (The)	6
2022/23	**181**
Trusts with less than 5 claims	**116**
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust	13
University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust	8
University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust	8
Chelsea & Westminster Hospital NHS Foundation Trust	8
Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	7
Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust	6
Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust	5
Barts Health NHS Trust	5
Mersey and West Lancashire Hospitals NHS Trust	5
2023/24	**188**
Trusts with less than 5 claims	**141**
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust	13
Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	7
Bedfordshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	6
The Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust	6
Royal Free London NHS Foundation Trust	5
Birmingham Women's and Children's NHS Foundation Trust	5
East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust	5
2024/25	**213**
Trusts with less than 5 claims	**167**
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust	12
Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust	7
Newcastle Upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (The)	6
North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust	6
University Hospitals Bristol & Weston NHS Foundation Trust	5
The Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust	5
Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust	5
Grand Total	**757**

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Table 2: Number of CNST Claims and Incidents received between financial years '2021/22' and '2024/25' where the Specialty is 'Paediatrics', broken down by Primary Injury.

Notified	Y

Year of Notification --Primary Injury	No. of Claims
2021/22	**175**
Injuries with less than 5 claims	**62**
Fatality	33
Unnecessary Pain	26
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	11
Brain Damage	9
Cardiac Arrest	8
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	6
Bruising/ Extravasation	5
Sepsis	5
Respiratory Disorder/ Failure	5
Scarring	5
2022/23	**181**
Injuries with less than 5 claims	**69**
Fatality	35
Unnecessary Pain	25
Brain Damage	10
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	9
Cardiac Arrest	7
Developmental Delay	6
Pressure Sores	5
Cancer	5
Cardiovascular Condition	5
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	5
2023/24	**188**
Injuries with less than 5 claims	**72**
Unnecessary Pain	30
Fatality	27
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	10
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	8
Brain Damage	7
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	7
Bruising/ Extravasation	7
Sepsis	5
Other	5
Stroke	5
Pressure Sores	5
2024/25	**213**
Injuries with less than 5 claims	**66**
Fatality	37
Brain Damage	23
Unnecessary Pain	19
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	18
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	13
Renal Damage/ Failure	6
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	6
Cardiac Arrest	5
Bruising/ Extravasation	5
Scarring	5
Sepsis	5
Developmental Delay	5
Grand Total	**757**

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Table 3: Number and Cost of CNST Claims Closed (or settled with a periodical payment order) between financial years '2021/22' and '2024/25' with a damages payment, where the Specialty is 'Paediatrics', broken down by NHS Trust. 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.

ClaimOutcome	Damages Paid
ClosedSettled	Y

Closure Year (Settlement Year for PPOs) --NHS Trust	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid	Total Paid
2021/22	**132**	**71,805,885**	**4,129,530**	**14,964,058**	**90,899,473**
Trusts with less than 5 claims	**126**	**71,659,635**	**4,105,682**	**14,734,033**	**90,499,350**
University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust	6	146,250	23,848	230,025	400,123
2022/23	**134**	**126,663,249**	**6,071,145**	**18,779,429**	**151,513,823**
Trusts with less than 5 claims	**102**	**90,156,454**	**4,154,375**	**13,672,029**	**107,982,858**
University Hospitals Sussex NHS Foundation Trust	6	9,431,883	276,487	791,000	10,499,370
Mid and South Essex NHS Foundation Trust	6	7,607,189	706,387	1,566,000	9,879,576
University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Foundation Trust	5	4,335,629	395,811	943,000	5,674,440
South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust	5	1,036,980	111,280	478,600	1,626,860
Royal Berkshire NHS Foundation Trust	5	13,930,183	394,341	1,108,500	15,433,024
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust	5	164,931	32,464	220,300	417,695
2023/24	**113**	**98,431,186**	**3,989,810**	**13,604,960**	**116,025,956**
Trusts with less than 5 claims	**107**	**98,231,123**	**3,953,557**	**13,393,960**	**115,578,640**
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust	6	200,063	36,253	211,000	447,317
2024/25	**140**	**82,077,541**	**5,356,924**	**17,412,243**	**104,846,708**
Trusts with less than 5 claims	**123**	**74,898,548**	**5,016,417**	**15,973,718**	**95,888,683**
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust	7	606,391	58,528	410,925	1,075,844
University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust	5	4,968,733	144,808	565,800	5,679,341
University Hospitals Coventry & Warwickshire NHS Trust	5	1,603,869	137,171	461,800	2,202,840
Grand Total	**519**	**378,977,860**	**19,547,410**	**64,760,691**	**463,285,961**

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Table 4: Number and Cost of CNST Claims Closed (or settled with a periodical payment order) between financial years '2021/22' and '2024/25' with a damages payment, where the Specialty is 'Paediatrics', 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.

ClaimOutcome	Damages Paid
ClosedSettled	Y

Closure Year (Settlement Year for PPOs) --Primary Injury	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid	Total Paid
2021/22	**132**	**71,805,885**	**4,129,530**	**14,964,058**	**90,899,473**
Injuries with less than 5 claims	**60**	**35,293,730**	**2,073,204**	**6,356,060**	**43,722,994**
Fatality	37	1,380,244	445,086	1,953,347	3,778,677
Unnecessary Pain	22	996,210	138,310	803,027	1,937,547
Brain Damage	13	34,135,700	1,472,930	5,851,624	41,460,255
2022/23	**134**	**126,663,249**	**6,071,145**	**18,779,429**	**151,513,823**
Injuries with less than 5 claims	**58**	**47,107,069**	**2,208,375**	**6,289,802**	**55,605,246**
Fatality	27	2,429,108	511,828	1,892,832	4,833,768
Unnecessary Pain	16	761,409	178,117	932,945	1,872,471
Brain Damage	15	48,511,993	2,042,155	6,775,531	57,329,679
Renal Damage/ Failure	7	926,000	56,284	249,897	1,232,181
Cerebral Palsy	6	26,557,506	1,014,928	2,294,922	29,867,356
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	5	370,164	59,458	343,500	773,122
2023/24	**113**	**98,431,186**	**3,989,810**	**13,604,960**	**116,025,956**
Injuries with less than 5 claims	**55**	**45,490,482**	**2,254,274**	**7,723,431**	**55,468,187**
Unnecessary Pain	18	605,559	148,491	840,675	1,594,725
Fatality	13	607,907	127,714	751,500	1,487,121
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	9	4,341,701	199,356	1,304,784	5,845,842
Brain Damage	8	46,449,825	1,093,314	2,467,570	50,010,710
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	5	835,583	154,488	416,000	1,406,072
Bruising/ Extravasation	5	100,128	12,172	101,000	213,300
2024/25	**140**	**82,077,541**	**5,356,924**	**17,412,243**	**104,846,708**
Injuries with less than 5 claims	**53**	**38,525,408**	**2,244,677**	**7,266,590**	**48,036,674**
Fatality	25	765,625	371,517	1,319,882	2,457,024
Unnecessary Pain	13	410,269	119,524	685,025	1,214,818
Brain Damage	11	33,198,944	1,960,430	4,747,669	39,907,042
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	8	4,780,586	350,767	1,268,000	6,399,353
Bruising/ Extravasation	7	195,566	24,244	357,000	576,810
Respiratory Disorder/ Failure	7	188,321	58,398	309,358	556,077
Sepsis	6	138,500	33,678	241,875	414,053
Cardiac Arrest	5	215,198	30,667	297,845	543,710
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	5	3,659,125	163,022	919,000	4,741,147
Grand Total	**519**	**378,977,860**	**19,547,410**	**64,760,691**	**463,285,961**