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The following information was requested on 8 March 2026:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request information relating to the Early Notification Scheme (ENS) for maternity cases since the scheme began.

Specifically, please provide the following aggregated data by year:

- 1. The total number of maternity-related ENS notifications received.*
- 2. The mean, median and range of time from notification to interim payment, if any.*
- 3. The mean, median and range of time from notification to final settlement.*
- 4. The number and percentage of cases in which an interim payment was made.*

Our Response

Thank you for your request for information. We hold the Early Notification incidents/claims for England and not the rest of the UK. The dataset presented in the attached tables are from 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2025. Data for the financial year 2025/26 is not yet available. This information will be available on request from August 2026.

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. We strongly recommend exercising caution when trying to compare previous similar requests to establish any trend patterns, such as increase or decreases in volumes and values. For further information, please refer to <https://resolution.nhs.uk/resources/understanding-nhs-resolution-data>.

For this request we have used our Supplementary Annual Statistics (SAS) dataset to ensure the data represent the most up to date information. For further information about our SAS dataset please see: [Annual statistics \(including Factsheet 5\) - NHS Resolution](#). Therefore, our response to this request may not align with other publications on our website.

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 EN Incidents or Claims received between financial years '2017/18' and '2024/25'.

Please note that this table includes EN incidents and EN claims. Not **all** EN incidents will go on to be classified as claims. Only if a matter becomes a claim will it then be eligible for a compensation payment and/or an interim payment if negligence is established.

Table 2 shows: - Number of EN Claims received between financial years '2017/18' and '2024/25', broken down by Average Time from Notification to Interim Payment.

We are unable to provide the median or range as we do not routinely collate this information.

Table 3 shows: - Number of EN Incidents or Claims received between financial years '2017/18' and '2024/25', broken down by Average Time from Notification to Settlement.

Please see the above in respect of the median or range.

Table 4 shows: - Number of EN Incidents or Claims received between financial years '2017/18' and '2024/25', broken down by whether an Interim Payment has been made.

For further information about our Early Notification Scheme please see: [Early Notification Scheme](#).

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.

[Table 1: Number of EN Incidents or Claims received between financial years '2017/18' and '2024/25'.](#)

[Table 2: The average time from Notification to Interim Payment for EN Claims received between financial years '2017/18' and '2024/25'.](#)

[Table 3: The average time from Notification to Settlement for EN Incidents or Claims received between financial years '2017/18' and '2024/25'.](#)

[Table 4: Number of EN Incidents or Claims received between financial years '2017/18' and '2024/25', broken down by whether an Interim Payment has been made.](#)

Table 1: Number of EN Incidents or Claims received between financial years '2017/18' and '2024/25'.

GroupCode		229: Early Notification Scheme
Notification Year		No. of Matters
2017/18		393
2018/19		980
2019/20		748
2020/21		263
2021/22		287
2022/23		312
2023/24		205
2024/25		197
Grand Total		3,385

Table 2: The average time from Notification to Interim Payment for EN Claims received between financial years '2017/18' and '2024/25'.

GroupCode	229: Early Notification Scheme
HasInterimPayment	Y
DamagesPaid	(Multiple Items)

Average Time From Notification to Interim Payment (Yrs)
3.48

Table 3: The average time from Notification to Settlement for EN incidents or Claims received between financial years '2017/18' and '2024/25'.

GroupCode	229: Early Notification Scheme
Average Time From Notification To Settlement (Yrs)	2.49

Table 4: Number of EN Incidents or Claims received between financial years '2017/18' and '2024/25', broken down by whether an Interim Payment has been made.

GroupCode 229: Early Notification Scheme

Interim Payment	No. of EN Matters	% of Matters
N	3,234	95.54%
Y	151	4.46%
Grand Total	3,385	100.00%