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The following information was requested on 18 March 2026 and clarified on 25 March 2026:

[On 18 March 2026 you requested] -

Many thanks for this information. [Follow up to - [FOI 7700 Obstetrics-claims-for-Somerset-NHS-Foundation-Trust.pdf](#)]

I would like the same information for the same time period for the following NHS Trusts please:

1. *Isle of Wight NHS Trust*
2. *Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (since 2022, part of Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust)*
3. *North Bristol NHS Trust*
4. *University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust*

Many thanks in advance,

[On 25 March 2026 we sought clarification] –

I hope this email finds you well.

I wanted to follow up regarding your recent request. Our team has reviewed it, and I'd like to clarify that, specifically for point 2, we will only be able to provide data for Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust. Unfortunately, we will not be able to supply data for Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust.

I hope this limitation doesn't cause too much inconvenience and that the data we can share will still be helpful for your purposes.

If you need any further clarification or support, please do let us know.

[On 25 March 2026 you replied with] –

Hi - many thanks. That is fine.

Our Response

Thank you for your request for information. Please find attached the requested information.

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 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.

We have provided data based on our [Clinical Negligence Scheme for Trusts - NHS Resolution](#).

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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 not provided the information for low figures 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 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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Water Lane
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Cheshire
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Notified	Y
Trust	No. of Claims
--Year of Notification	
Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	101
2014/15	8
2015/16	12
2016/17	6
2017/18	#
2018/19	8
2019/20	5
2020/21	10
2021/22	15
2022/23	15
2023/24	#
2024/25	14
University Hospitals Bristol & Weston NHS Foundation Trust	97
2014/15	8
2015/16	6
2016/17	13
2017/18	12
2018/19	7
2019/20	9
2020/21	7
2021/22	7
2022/23	10
2023/24	11
2024/25	7
North Bristol NHS Trust	61
2014/15	#
2015/16	#
2016/17	#
2017/18	5
2018/19	#
2019/20	#
2020/21	6
2021/22	#
2022/23	17
2023/24	9
2024/25	8
Isle of Wight NHS Trust	24
2014/15	#
2015/16	#
2016/17	5
2017/18	#
2018/19	#
2020/21	#
2021/22	#
2022/23	#
2023/24	5
2024/25	#
Grand Total	283

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Notified	Y
Trust	No. of Claims
--Primary Injury	
Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	101
Brain Damage	13
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	13
Unnecessary Pain	12
Stillborn	10
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	10
Fatality	8
Not Specified	#
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	#
Hypoxia	#
Erb's Palsy	#
Infertility	#
Cerebral Palsy	#
Epilepsy	#
Peritonitis	#
Burn(s)	#
Infection (bacterial)	#
Scarring	#
Removal Of Fallopian Tube	#
Fracture	#
Developmental Delay	#
Tissue Damage	#
Other Visual Problems	#
Incontinence	#
Perforation	#
Pressure Sores	#
Loss Of Baby	#
Scalp Damage	#
Other	#
Other Infection	#
University Hospitals Bristol & Weston NHS Foundation Trust	97
Unnecessary Pain	13
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	12
Brain Damage	12
Fatality	7
Stillborn	5
Cerebral Palsy	5
Incontinence	#
Bruising/ Extravasation	#
Hypoxia	#
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	#
Bladder Damage	#
Loss Of Baby	#
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	#
Burn(s)	#
Other Infection	#
Epilepsy	#
Scarring	#
Unwanted Pregnancy	#
Erb's Palsy	#
Not Specified	#
Cardiovascular Condition	#
Other	#
Removal Of Fallopian Tube	#
Foetal Abnormality	#
Deafness	#
Developmental Delay	#
Fracture	#
Wrongful Birth	#

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North Bristol NHS Trust	61
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Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	6
Stillborn	5
Loss Of Baby	#
Brain Damage	#
Fatality	#
Cerebral Palsy	#
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	#
Infection (bacterial)	#
Hypoxia	#
Developmental Delay	#
Not Specified	#
Pressure Sores	#
Removal Of Fallopian Tube	#
Blindness	#
Renal Damage/ Failure	#
Sepsis	#
Rupture	#
Multiple Injuries	#
Perforation	#
Isle of Wight NHS Trust	24
Unnecessary Pain	6
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	#
Stillborn	#
Cerebral Palsy	#
Nerve Damage	#
Foetal Abnormality	#
Incontinence	#
Sepsis	#
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	#
Infertility	#
Other Infection	#
Multiple Disabilities	#
Fatality	#
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Notified	Y
Trust	No. of Claims
Primary Cause	
Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	101
Fail / Delay Treatment	33
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	6
Fail To Make Resp To Abnrm FHR	6
Fail To Monitor 2nd Stg Labour	5
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	5
Inappropriate Treatment	5
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	5
Intra-Op Problems	#
Operator Error	#
Medication Errors	#
Err With Agnt/Dose/Route/Selec	#
Fail/Delay Referring To Hosp.	#
Not Specified	#
Failure To Perform Tests	#
Perineal Tear-1st,2nd,3rd Deg	#
Delay In Performing Operation	#
Inadequate Nursing Care	#
Fail To Monitor 1st Stg Labour	#
Labial Tear	#
Fail To Interpret USS	#
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	#
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	#
Failure To Perform Operation	#
Application Of Excess Force	#
Inadequate Monitoring Intra-Op	#
Fail To Diag Pre-Eclampsia	#
Fail To Correctly Apply Forcep	#
Lack Of Assistance/Care	#
University Hospitals Bristol & Weston NHS Foundation Trust	97
Fail / Delay Treatment	25
Fail To Monitor 2nd Stg Labour	7
Fail Antenatal Screening	6
Fail To Make Resp To Abnrm FHR	6
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	5
Inadequate Nursing Care	#
Perineal Tear-1st,2nd,3rd Deg	#
Other	#
Infusion Problems	#
Fail To Monitor 1st Stg Labour	#
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	#
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	#
Fail Mon Dose/rate Syntocinon	#
Fail/Delay Referring To Hosp.	#
Failure To Perform Tests	#
Inappropriate Treatment	#
Fail To Carry Out PO Observs.	#
Not Specified	#
Forceps Delivery	#
Foreign Body Left In Situ	#
Birth Defects	#
Fail/Delay Admitting To Hosp.	#
Delay In Performing Operation	#
Operator Error	#
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	#
Intra-Op Problems	#
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	#
Lack Of Assistance/Care	#
Fail To Correctly Apply Forcep	#

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Notified	Y
Trust --Primary Cause	No. of Claims
Medication Errors	#
North Bristol NHS Trust	61
Fail / Delay Treatment	13
Fail To Make Resp To Abnrm FHR	7
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	6
Fail To Monitor 1st Stg Labour	#
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	#
Inappropriate Treatment	#
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	#
Perineal Tear-1st,2nd,3rd Deg	#
Intra-Op Problems	#
Operator Error	#
Delay In Performing Operation	#
Foreign Body Left In Situ	#
Not Specified	#
Fail/Delay Admitting To Hosp.	#
Other	#
Inadequate Nursing Care	#
Lack Of Assistance/Care	#
Inapprop. Case Selection	#
Failure To Perform Tests	#
Inappropriate Discharge	#
Fail To Monitor 2nd Stg Labour	#
Fail/Delay Referring To Hosp.	#
Failure To Perform Operation	#
Isle of Wight NHS Trust	24
Fail / Delay Treatment	6
Inappropriate Treatment	#
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	#
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	#
Fail To Make Resp To Abnrm FHR	#
Fail To Monitor 2nd Stg Labour	#
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Operator Error	#
Lack Of Assistance/Care	#
Forceps Delivery	#
Fail To Monitor 1st Stg Labour	#
Foreign Body Left In Situ	#
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ClaimOutcome ClosedSettled	Damages Paid				
	Y				
Trust	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
--Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)					
Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	55	37,838,389	1,635,124	5,050,191	44,523,704
2014/15	5	359,117	80,492	337,250	776,859
2015/16	#	#	#	#	#
2016/17	#	#	#	#	#
2017/18	10	12,438,330	652,341	1,762,416	14,853,086
2018/19	#	#	#	#	#
2019/20	7	11,216,099	427,375	888,115	12,531,589
2020/21	6	990,790	73,088	349,250	1,413,129
2021/22	6	11,001,346	202,243	685,668	11,889,258
2022/23	#	#	#	#	#
2023/24	#	#	#	#	#
2024/25	6	1,215,005	94,352	485,206	1,794,563
University Hospitals Bristol & Weston NHS Foundation Trust	52	34,921,628	2,081,117	6,445,124	43,447,869
2014/15	#	#	#	#	#
2015/16	#	#	#	#	#
2016/17	#	#	#	#	#
2017/18	#	#	#	#	#
2018/19	10	3,472,750	174,935	776,548	4,424,233
2019/20	5	16,504,249	563,091	1,339,250	18,406,590
2020/21	5	133,000	11,023	89,323	233,346
2021/22	#	#	#	#	#
2022/23	#	#	#	#	#
2023/24	9	1,383,160	453,962	1,193,950	3,031,072
2024/25	5	3,893,318	268,190	715,250	4,876,758
North Bristol NHS Trust	36	22,692,434	1,168,296	3,910,766	27,771,496
2014/15	#	#	#	#	#
2015/16	#	#	#	#	#
2016/17	#	#	#	#	#
2017/18	#	#	#	#	#
2018/19	5	1,909,000	124,934	313,850	2,347,784
2019/20	7	9,600,353	334,173	823,102	10,757,628
2020/21	#	#	#	#	#
2021/22	#	#	#	#	#
2022/23	#	#	#	#	#
2023/24	6	109,192	20,416	129,300	258,908
2024/25	5	521,298	50,868	367,726	939,892
Isle of Wight NHS Trust	9	5,865,322	248,631	809,250	6,923,203
2017/18	#	#	#	#	#
2018/19	#	#	#	#	#
2019/20	#	#	#	#	#
2021/22	#	#	#	#	#
2023/24	#	#	#	#	#
2024/25	#	#	#	#	#
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ClaimOutcome	Damages Paid				
ClosedSettled	Y				
Trust	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
--Primary Injury					
Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	55	37,838,389	1,635,124	5,050,191	44,523,704
Unnecessary Pain	8	87,204	37,202	154,664	279,070
Stillborn	6	479,205	133,584	458,456	1,071,245
Fatality	6	324,346	61,695	326,250	712,291
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	5	190,500	14,293	117,250	322,043
Cerebral Palsy	5	22,025,475	775,534	1,573,500	24,374,509
Erb's Palsy	#	#	#	#	#
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	#	#	#	#	#
Brain Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Infertility	#	#	#	#	#
Burn(s)	#	#	#	#	#
Not Specified	#	#	#	#	#
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	#	#	#	#	#
Liver Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Scarring	#	#	#	#	#
Peritonitis	#	#	#	#	#
Bladder Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Other Infection	#	#	#	#	#
Anal Fissure	#	#	#	#	#
Perforation	#	#	#	#	#
Incontinence	#	#	#	#	#
Pressure Sores	#	#	#	#	#
Loss Of Baby	#	#	#	#	#
University Hospitals Bristol & Weston NHS Foundation Trust	52	34,921,628	2,081,117	6,445,124	43,447,869
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	6	409,012	52,063	305,329	766,404
Unnecessary Pain	6	68,165	50,500	234,900	353,565
Incontinence	5	1,435,818	176,364	713,750	2,325,932
Brain Damage	5	13,076,095	729,800	1,589,250	15,395,145
Cerebral Palsy	#	#	#	#	#
Fatality	#	#	#	#	#
Bruising/ Extravasation	#	#	#	#	#
H.I.V.	#	#	#	#	#
Stillborn	#	#	#	#	#
Burn(s)	#	#	#	#	#
Bladder Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	#	#	#	#	#
Loss Of Baby	#	#	#	#	#
Erb's Palsy	#	#	#	#	#
Developmental Delay	#	#	#	#	#
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	#	#	#	#	#
Tissue Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Anal Fissure	#	#	#	#	#
Other Infection	#	#	#	#	#
Infertility	#	#	#	#	#
Unwanted Pregnancy	#	#	#	#	#
Foetal Abnormality	#	#	#	#	#
North Bristol NHS Trust	36	22,692,434	1,168,296	3,910,766	27,771,496
Unnecessary Pain	7	86,380	19,896	140,700	246,975
Stillborn	5	145,671	8,949	121,750	276,370
Cerebral Palsy	5	13,261,961	546,517	1,202,250	15,010,728
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	#	#	#	#	#
Pressure Sores	#	#	#	#	#
Removal Of Fallopian Tube	#	#	#	#	#
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	#	#	#	#	#
Brain Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	#	#	#	#	#
Rupture	#	#	#	#	#
Perforation	#	#	#	#	#
Infection (bacterial)	#	#	#	#	#
Fatality	#	#	#	#	#
Loss Of Baby	#	#	#	#	#
Isle of Wight NHS Trust	9	5,865,322	248,631	809,250	6,923,203
Unnecessary Pain	#	#	#	#	#
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	#	#	#	#	#
Foetal Abnormality	#	#	#	#	#
Fatality	#	#	#	#	#
Cerebral Palsy	#	#	#	#	#

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ClosedSettled		Y				
Trust	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid	
--Primary Injury						
Other Infection	#	#	#	#	#	#
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ClaimOutcome	Damages Paid				
ClosedSettled	Y				
Trust --Primary Cause	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	55	37,838,389	1,635,124	5,050,191	44,523,704
Fail / Delay Treatment	12	6,209,666	330,559	1,024,007	7,564,232
Delay In Performing Operation	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	#	#	#	#	#
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	#	#	#	#	#
Inappropriate Treatment	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Make Resp To Abnrm FHR	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Carry Out PO Observs.	#	#	#	#	#
Inadequate Nursing Care	#	#	#	#	#
Fail Antenatal Screening	#	#	#	#	#
Application Of Excess Force	#	#	#	#	#
Perineal Tear-1st,2nd,3rd Deg	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	#	#	#	#	#
Err With Agnt/Dose/Route/Selec	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Monitor 1st Stg Labour	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Monitor 2nd Stg Labour	#	#	#	#	#
Failure To Perform Tests	#	#	#	#	#
Inadequate Monitoring Intra-Op	#	#	#	#	#
Intra-Op Problems	#	#	#	#	#
Fail/Delay Referring To Hosp.	#	#	#	#	#
Medication Errors	#	#	#	#	#
Labial Tear	#	#	#	#	#
Operator Error	#	#	#	#	#
Lack Of Assistance/Care	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	#	#	#	#	#
University Hospitals Bristol & Weston NHS Foundation Trust	52	34,921,628	2,081,117	6,445,124	43,447,869
Fail / Delay Treatment	11	1,397,165	117,615	650,052	2,164,832
Fail Antenatal Screening	5	269,500	108,019	358,000	735,519
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Monitor 2nd Stg Labour	#	#	#	#	#
Perineal Tear-1st,2nd,3rd Deg	#	#	#	#	#
Foreign Body Left In Situ	#	#	#	#	#
Lack Of Assistance/Care	#	#	#	#	#
Inadequate Nursing Care	#	#	#	#	#
Infusion Problems	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Carry Out PO Observs.	#	#	#	#	#
Forceps Delivery	#	#	#	#	#
Birth Defects	#	#	#	#	#
Delay In Performing Operation	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Monitor 1st Stg Labour	#	#	#	#	#
Intra-Op Problems	#	#	#	#	#
Fail/Delay Admitting To Hosp.	#	#	#	#	#
Other	#	#	#	#	#
Inappropriate Treatment	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	#	#	#	#	#
Unexpected Death	#	#	#	#	#
Fail/Delay Referring To Hosp.	#	#	#	#	#
North Bristol NHS Trust	36	22,692,434	1,168,296	3,910,766	27,771,496
Fail / Delay Treatment	5	352,498	32,345	329,000	713,843
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Make Resp To Abnrm FHR	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	#	#	#	#	#
Inappropriate Treatment	#	#	#	#	#
Delay In Performing Operation	#	#	#	#	#
Inadequate Nursing Care	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Monitor 2nd Stg Labour	#	#	#	#	#
Foreign Body Left In Situ	#	#	#	#	#
Lack Of Assistance/Care	#	#	#	#	#
Fail/Delay Admitting To Hosp.	#	#	#	#	#
Wrong Site Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
Fail Antenatal Screening	#	#	#	#	#
Intra-Op Problems	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	#	#	#	#	#
Operator Error	#	#	#	#	#
Inapprop. Case Selection	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	#	#	#	#	#

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ClaimOutcome		Damages Paid				
ClosedSettled		Y				

Trust	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
--Primary Cause					
Inappropriate Discharge	#	#	#	#	#
Isle of Wight NHS Trust	9	5,865,322	248,631	809,250	6,923,203
Fail / Delay Treatment	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Monitor 2nd Stg Labour	#	#	#	#	#
Foreign Body Left In Situ	#	#	#	#	#
Inappropriate Treatment	#	#	#	#	#
Operator Error	#	#	#	#	#
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	#	#	#	#	#
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ClaimOutcome ClosedSettled	Nil Damages Y			
Trust --Year of Closure	No. of Claims	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	
Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	37	226,990	#	#
2014/15	#	#	#	#
2015/16	6	9,667	0	0
2016/17	7	33,599	0	0
2017/18	#	#	#	#
2018/19	#	#	#	#
2019/20	#	#	#	#
2020/21	#	#	#	#
2021/22	#	#	#	#
2022/23	5	12,268	0	0
2023/24	#	#	#	#
2024/25	#	#	#	#
University Hospitals Bristol & Weston NHS Foundation Trust	34	458,138	0	0
2014/15	#	#	#	#
2015/16	#	#	#	#
2016/17	#	#	#	#
2017/18	#	#	#	#
2018/19	6	54,778	0	0
2019/20	#	#	#	#
2020/21	#	#	#	#
2021/22	#	#	#	#
2022/23	#	#	#	#
2023/24	#	#	#	#
2024/25	#	#	#	#
North Bristol NHS Trust	29	154,091	0	0
2014/15	6	46,404	0	0
2015/16	#	#	#	#
2016/17	6	42,342	0	0
2017/18	#	#	#	#
2020/21	#	#	#	#
2022/23	#	#	#	#
2023/24	#	#	#	#
2024/25	5	26,223	0	0
Isle of Wight NHS Trust	14	35,663	0	0
2015/16	#	#	#	#
2016/17	#	#	#	#
2017/18	#	#	#	#
2018/19	#	#	#	#
2021/22	#	#	#	#
2022/23	#	#	#	#
2023/24	#	#	#	#
2024/25	#	#	#	#
Grand Total	114	874,882	#	#

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ClosedSettled	Y		

Trust	No. of Claims	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid
--Primary Injury			
Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	37	226,990	#
Unnecessary Pain	6	11,523	0
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	#	#	#
Brain Damage	#	#	#
Erb's Palsy	#	#	#
Stillborn	#	#	#
Hypoxia	#	#	#
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	#	#	#
Other Infection	#	#	#
Scalp Damage	#	#	#
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	#	#	#
Tissue Damage	#	#	#
Perforation	#	#	#
Not Specified	#	#	#
Epilepsy	#	#	#
Cerebral Palsy	#	#	#
Fatality	#	#	#
Other Visual Problems	#	#	#
University Hospitals Bristol & Weston NHS Foundation Trust	34	458,138	0
Brain Damage	6	206,588	0
Unnecessary Pain	5	5,795	0
Fatality	#	#	#
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	#	#	#
Hypoxia	#	#	#
Cerebral Palsy	#	#	#
Stillborn	#	#	#
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	#	#	#
Epilepsy	#	#	#
Removal Of Fallopian Tube	#	#	#
Scarring	#	#	#
Tissue Damage	#	#	#
Bladder Damage	#	#	#
Deafness	#	#	#
Bruising/ Extravasation	#	#	#
Other Infection	#	#	#
North Bristol NHS Trust	29	154,091	0
Brain Damage	#	#	#
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	#	#	#
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	#	#	#
Cerebral Palsy	#	#	#
Unnecessary Pain	#	#	#
Not Specified	#	#	#
Loss Of Baby	#	#	#
Fatality	#	#	#
Scarring	#	#	#
Hypoxia	#	#	#
Blindness	#	#	#
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	#	#	#
Cardiovascular Condition	#	#	#
Renal Damage/ Failure	#	#	#
Isle of Wight NHS Trust	14	35,663	0
Unnecessary Pain	#	#	#
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	#	#	#
Stillborn	#	#	#
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	#	#	#
Infertility	#	#	#
Multiple Disabilities	#	#	#
Foetal Abnormality	#	#	#

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ClaimOutcome	Nil Damages
ClosedSettled	Y

Trust	No. of Claims	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid
--Primary Injury			
Nerve Damage	#	#	#
Other Infection	#	#	#
Grand Total	114	874,882	#

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ClaimOutcome	Nil Damages		
ClosedSettled	Y		
Trust	No. of Claims	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid
--Primary Cause			
Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust	37	226,990	#
Fail / Delay Treatment	13	37,279	0
Fail To Make Resp To Abnrm FHR	#	#	#
Inappropriate Treatment	#	#	#
Medication Errors	#	#	#
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	#	#	#
Perineal Tear-1st,2nd,3rd Deg	#	#	#
Foreign Body Left In Situ	#	#	#
Fail To Interpret USS	#	#	#
Fail To Correctly Apply Forcep	#	#	#
Inadequate Nursing Care	#	#	#
Fail To Monitor 2nd Stg Labour	#	#	#
Intra-Op Problems	#	#	#
Fail/Delay Referring To Hosp.	#	#	#
Operator Error	#	#	#
Failure To Perform Operation	#	#	#
Err With Agnt/Dose/Route/Selec	#	#	#
Failure To Perform Tests	#	#	#
Fail Antenatal Screening	#	#	#
Application Of Excess Force	#	#	#
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	#	#	#
University Hospitals Bristol & Weston NHS Foundation Trust	34	458,138	0
Fail / Delay Treatment	8	12,158	0
Fail To Monitor 2nd Stg Labour	5	231,274	0
Fail To Make Resp To Abnrm FHR	#	#	#
Failure To Perform Tests	#	#	#
Fail Antenatal Screening	#	#	#
Inappropriate Treatment	#	#	#
Delay In Performing Operation	#	#	#
Fail To Monitor 1st Stg Labour	#	#	#
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	#	#	#
Medication Errors	#	#	#
Infusion Problems	#	#	#
Fail/Delay Referring To Hosp.	#	#	#
Other	#	#	#
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	#	#	#
Fail To Correctly Apply Forcep	#	#	#
North Bristol NHS Trust	29	154,091	0
Fail / Delay Treatment	7	31,117	0
Fail To Make Resp To Abnrm FHR	#	#	#
Fail To Monitor 1st Stg Labour	#	#	#
Intra-Op Problems	#	#	#
Perineal Tear-1st,2nd,3rd Deg	#	#	#
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	#	#	#
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	#	#	#
Operator Error	#	#	#
Inappropriate Treatment	#	#	#
Bacterial Infection	#	#	#
Fail/Delay Referring To Hosp.	#	#	#
Birth Defects	#	#	#
Failure To Perform Tests	#	#	#
Delay In Performing Operation	#	#	#
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	#	#	#
Forceps Delivery	#	#	#
Isle of Wight NHS Trust	14	35,663	0
Fail / Delay Treatment	#	#	#
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	#	#	#
Inappropriate Treatment	#	#	#
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	#	#	#

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ClaimOutcome	Nil Damages
ClosedSettled	Y

Trust --Primary Cause	No. of Claims	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid
Forceps Delivery	#	#	#
Fail To Carry Out PO Observs.	#	#	#
Lack Of Assistance/Care	#	#	#
Fail To Make Resp To Abnrm FHR	#	#	#
Fail To Monitor 1st Stg Labour	#	#	#
Grand Total	114	874,882	#