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The following information was requested on 19 March 2026:

Please can you provide me with the following information:

1. *Details of any previous claims brought against North Manchester General Hospital, Crumpsall Hospital, the Northern Care Alliance or Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust relating to exposure to asbestos at the North Manchester General Hospital site, whether from direct employees or contractors exposed on site*

Our Response

Thank you for your request for information. Please note our claims data is recorded against NHS Trusts (in England) and not against individual hospitals. Please find attached the information we are able to provide.

The information for the financial year 2025/26 is currently unavailable. It will be available on request from August 2026.

NB: 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 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 for 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 nil damages payment), challenged, reopened, and closed again at conclusion.

By way of advice and assistance and further to our obligations under s. 16 Freedom of Information Act 2000, NHS Resolution manages a number of schemes (similar to insurance) for the NHS: - including:

(i) The Liability to Third Parties Scheme (LTPS). This covers both employers' liability (i.e. in relation to duties of care owed to employees) and public liability (i.e. in relation to duties of care owed other patients, visitors, and other members of the public). You can find out more about the LTPS scheme here: <https://resolution.nhs.uk/services/claims-management/non-clinical-claims/risk-pooling-schemes-for-trusts/liabilities-to-third-parties-scheme/> .

Please find attached the following tables: -

Table 1 shows: - Number of LTPS Claims received between financial years '2006/07' and '2024/25' for 'Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust' or 'Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust' where any injury is **Asbestosis or Mesothelioma**. Broken down by Member.

Table 2 shows: - Number and Cost of LTPS and Claims Closed between financial years '2006/07' and '2024/25' with a damages payment for 'Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust' or 'Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust' where any injury is **Asbestosis or Mesothelioma**. The data includes the damages and legal costs paid up until the end of each relevant financial year of closure. Broken down by Member.

Table 3 shows: - Number and Cost of LTPS and Claims Closed between financial years '2006/07' and '2024/25' with **NIL** damages paid for 'Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust' or 'Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust' where any injury is **Asbestosis or Mesothelioma**. Broken down by Member.

Low Numbers

We have suppressed low figures 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.

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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<https://ico.org.uk/>

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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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Notified	Y
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Year of Notification	
-- Trust	No. of Claims
2008/09	
Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust	#
2018/19	
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust	#
2019/20	
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust	#
2020/21	
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust	#
2022/23	
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust	#

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ClaimOutcome	Damages Paid
ClosedSettled	Y

Year of Closure -- Trust	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
2022/23					
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust	#	#	#	#	#
2023/24					
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust	#	#	#	#	#
Grand Total	#	#	#	#	#

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ClaimOutcome	Nil Damages
ClosedSettled	Y

Year of Closure -- Trust	No. of Claims	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
2009/10				
Northern Care Alliance NHS Foundation Trust	#	#	#	#
2023/24				
Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust	#	#	#	#
Grand Total	#	#	#	#