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The following information was requested on 25 June 2026 and clarified on 26 June 2026:

[On the 25 June 2026, you requested]

I am making a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please provide the following information:

- 1. The number of claims made, each year, for the past 5 years, following orthopaedic surgery in general and specifically after total hip or knee replacement please.*
- 2. The total value of claims each year.*
- 3. The total value of settlement for each of the years.*

[On the 25 June 2026, we sought for clarification with]

In order to ensure we provide you with accurate information, we would be grateful if you could clarify part of your request.

We are able to identify claims relating to orthopaedic surgery as a whole, as this is coded within our systems. However, we do not have a code that allows us to reliably isolate claims relating specifically to total hip replacement or total knee replacement procedures.

Given this, could you please confirm whether you would be content for us to provide information on:

- Claims relating to orthopaedic surgery overall; and*
- A breakdown of the primary causes of orthopaedic claims;*
- A separate breakdown of the primary injury types associated with orthopaedic claims*
- We can also provide you with the cost for the Orthopaedic claims closed*

We can provide the above information for the last financial years 2020/21 – 2024/25. The data for the financial year 2025/26 is currently unavailable and will be available on request from August 026.

To help inform your request, you may find the following publications useful: [Guidance-note-Understanding-NHS-Resolution-data-updated](#) and a set of codes against which claims are logged: [CNST-Codes.xlsx](#) (see the three tabs in the spreadsheet).

It may also be helpful to review our [Fol Requests Archive - NHS Resolution](#), where we publish previous responses: [Fol Requests Archive - NHS Resolution](#).

Alternatively, if you would like to refine or amend your request, please let us know how you would like us to proceed.

[On the 26 June 2026, you replied with]

Thank you kindly for your prompt response, it is greatly appreciated.

This sound fantastic.

Thank you for your speedy email.

Our Response

Please find attached the requested information. Please note we only hold information for England and not for the rest of the UK. The dataset presented in the response below cover:

- In respect of tables 1, 2 and 3, 'Orthopaedic Surgery' claims notified to NHS Resolution between 2020/21 – 2024/25
- In respect of tables 4-9 'Orthopaedic Surgery' claims closed (or settled as a PPO) between 2020/21 – 2024/25

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 [Guidance-note-Understanding-NHS-Resolution-data-updated](#)

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.

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.

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.

The data provided covers our Clinical schemes. For information about our Clinical Negligence Scheme, please visit our website here: [Clinical schemes - NHS Resolution](#)

Please find attached the following tables:

Table 1 shows: Number of Clinical Claims and Incidents received between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' where the Specialty is '**Orthopaedic Surgery**'.

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Table 4 shows: Number and Cost of Clinical Claims Closed (or settled with a periodical payment order) between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' with a damages payment, where the Specialty is '**Orthopaedic Surgery**'. 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 5 shows: Number and Cost of Clinical Claims Closed (or settled with a periodical payment order) between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' with a damages payment, where the Specialty is '**Orthopaedic Surgery**'. 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.

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PPOs

The information disclosed includes damages 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 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 Numbers

Please note we have suppressed low figures (and high figures that would make it possible to work out low numbers) and Trusts with fewer than 5 claims 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 Freedom of Information Act 2000, 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.

Please refer to [Understanding NHS Resolution data guidance](#) for further details on how our Claims database is categorised.

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.

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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Notified	Y
Year of Notification	No. of Claims
2020/21	1,256
2021/22	1,203
2022/23	1,127
2023/24	1,183
2024/25	1,326
Grand Total	6,095

Table 2: Number of Clinical Claims and Incidents received between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' where the Specialty is 'Orthopaedic Surgery'. Broken down by Primary Injury.

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Year of Notification	No. of Claims
--Primary Injury	
2020/21	1,256
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	291
Unnecessary Pain	242
Poor Outcome - Fractures Etc.	141
Fracture	98
Nerve Damage	69
Fatality	38
Amputation - Lower	37
Joint Damage	35
Pressure Sores	33
Spinal Damage	29
Thrombosis/Embolism	28
Infection (bacterial)	28
Tendon Damage	18
Other	18
Scarring	16
Dislocation	12
Limb Deformity	12
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	9
Compartment Syndrome	8
Not Specified	7
Sepsis	7
Burn(s)	6
Tissue Damage	6
Cardiac Arrest	6
Advanced Stage Cancer	5
Respiratory Disorder/ Failure	5
Rupture	5
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	47
2021/22	1,203
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	290
Unnecessary Pain	248
Poor Outcome - Fractures Etc.	116
Fracture	94
Nerve Damage	74
Fatality	38
Joint Damage	32
Pressure Sores	30
Amputation - Lower	27
Tendon Damage	26
Infection (bacterial)	26
Spinal Damage	21
Other	20
Limb Deformity	17
Dislocation	14
Thrombosis/Embolism	14
Foot Drop	12
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	9
Burn(s)	8
Tissue Damage	7
Other Infection	7
Not Specified	6
Scarring	6
Arterial Damage	5
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	56
2022/23	1,127

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Year of Notification	No. of Claims
--Primary Injury	
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	274
Unnecessary Pain	196
Poor Outcome - Fractures Etc.	133
Fracture	103
Joint Damage	60
Nerve Damage	51
Infection (bacterial)	31
Pressure Sores	31
Fatality	29
Spinal Damage	21
Thrombosis/Embolism	19
Tendon Damage	19
Amputation - Lower	18
Dislocation	12
Other	12
Limb Deformity	10
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	9
Burn(s)	8
Amputation - Upper	7
Tissue Damage	6
Foot Drop	6
Cardiac Arrest	6
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	6
Sepsis	5
Rupture	5
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	50
2023/24	1,183
Unnecessary Pain	230
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	225
Joint Damage	134
Poor Outcome - Fractures Etc.	134
Fracture	87
Nerve Damage	47
Pressure Sores	40
Infection (bacterial)	40
Fatality	30
Spinal Damage	21
Tendon Damage	19
Amputation - Lower	19
Thrombosis/Embolism	17
Limb Deformity	12
Sepsis	9
Dislocation	8
Cancer	7
Burn(s)	7
Tissue Damage	7
Scarring	7
Other	7
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	7
Amputation - Upper	6
Foot Drop	6
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	57
2024/25	1,326
Unnecessary Pain	225
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	224
Poor Outcome - Fractures Etc.	147

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Year of Notification --Primary Injury	No. of Claims
Limb Deformity	91
Fracture	84
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	83
Nerve Damage	63
Amputation - Lower	37
Joint Damage	36
Fatality	34
Pressure Sores	34
Infection (bacterial)	31
Tendon Damage	25
Spinal Damage	24
Thrombosis/Embolism	23
Other	16
Amputation - Upper	13
Burn(s)	12
Compartment Syndrome	12
Foot Drop	11
Unknown	10
Dislocation	9
Scarring	8
Sepsis	6
Multiple Injuries	5
Tissue Damage	5
Stroke	5
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	53
Grand Total	6,095

Table 3: Number of Clinical Claims and Incidents received between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' where the Specialty is 'Orthopaedic Surgery'. Broken down by Primary Cause.

Notified	Y
Year of Notification --Primary Cause	No. of Claims
2020/21	1,256
Fail / Delay Treatment	347
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	171
Inappropriate Treatment	119
Intra-Op Problems	93
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	62
Operator Error	50
Failure To Interpret X-Ray	41
Delay In Performing Operation	40
Inadequate Nursing Care	39
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	33
Perform. Of Op. Not Indicated	24
Failure To Perform Operation	22
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	20
Medication Errors	19
Failure To X-Ray	17
Other	15
Fail To Supervise	15
Failure To Perform Tests	14
Inadequate Monitoring Intra-Op	13
Wrong Diagnosis	9
Fail/Delay Referring To Hosp.	9
Inappropriate Discharge	8
Foreign Body Left In Situ	8
Fail To Carry Out PO Observs.	7
Bacterial Infection	7
Equipment Malfunction	7
Wrong Site Surgery	6
Lack Of Pre-Op Evaluation	6
Err With Agnt/Dose/Route/Selec	5
Causes with less than 5 Claims	30
2021/22	1,203
Fail / Delay Treatment	354
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	164
Inappropriate Treatment	102
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	81
Intra-Op Problems	80
Operator Error	54
Inadequate Nursing Care	42
Delay In Performing Operation	38
Failure To Interpret X-Ray	31
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	28
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	23
Failure To Perform Operation	18
Lack Of Assistance/Care	18
Failure To Perform Tests	18
Failure To X-Ray	15

Table 3: Number of Clinical Claims and Incidents received between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' where the Specialty is 'Orthopaedic Surgery'. Broken down by Primary Cause.

Notified	Y
Year of Notification	
--Primary Cause	No. of Claims
Medication Errors	14
Foreign Body Left In Situ	11
Bacterial Infection	10
Inadequate Monitoring Intra-Op	9
Other	8
Fail To Supervise	8
Inappropriate Discharge	6
Poor Application Of Plstr Cast	6
Equipment Malfunction	5
Not Specified	5
Wrong Site Surgery	5
Inapprop. Case Selection	5
Lack Of Pre-Op Evaluation	5
Causes with less than 5 Claims	40
2022/23	1,127
Fail / Delay Treatment	317
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	119
Inappropriate Treatment	95
Intra-Op Problems	79
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	75
Operator Error	60
Inadequate Nursing Care	47
Perform. Of Op. Not Indicated	37
Failure To Interpret X-Ray	34
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	28
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	28
Failure To Perform Operation	24
Delay In Performing Operation	21
Failure To Perform Tests	16
Failure To X-Ray	15
Medication Errors	14
Lack Of Assistance/Care	12
Fail To Supervise	10
Foreign Body Left In Situ	10
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	9
Other	8
Inappropriate Discharge	8
Bacterial Infection	7
Retained Instrument Post-Operation	5
Lack Of Pre-Op Evaluation	5
Inapprop. Case Selection	5
Err With Agnt/Dose/Route/Selec	5
Causes with less than 5 Claims	34
2023/24	1,183
Fail / Delay Treatment	301
Operator Error	210
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	119

Table 3: Number of Clinical Claims and Incidents received between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' where the Specialty is 'Orthopaedic Surgery'. Broken down by Primary Cause.

Notified	Y
Year of Notification	
--Primary Cause	No. of Claims
Inappropriate Treatment	102
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	64
Intra-Op Problems	54
Inadequate Nursing Care	46
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	26
Failure To Interpret X-Ray	23
Delay In Performing Operation	19
Failure To X-Ray	18
Medication Errors	14
Lack Of Assistance/Care	14
Failure To Perform Tests	13
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	13
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	12
Foreign Body Left In Situ	12
Fail To Supervise	11
Failure To Perform Operation	11
Other	10
Inappropriate Discharge	9
Poor Application Of Plstr Cast	8
Inadequate Monitoring Intra-Op	7
Lack Of Pre-Op Evaluation	6
Incorrect Injection Site	5
Causes with less than 5 Claims	56
2024/25	1,326
Fail / Delay Treatment	281
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	143
Inappropriate Treatment	122
Operator Error	99
Intra-Op Problems	96
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	77
Assault, Etc By Hospital Staff	72
Failure To Interpret X-Ray	47
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	34
Inadequate Nursing Care	34
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	31
Delay In Performing Operation	30
Failure To X-Ray	27
Failure To Perform Tests	27
Fail To Supervise	16
Medication Errors	15
Failure To Perform Operation	15
Lack Of Assistance/Care	14
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	12
Inadequate Monitoring Intra-Op	12
Perform. Of Op. Not Indicated	12
Lack Of Pre-Op Evaluation	11
Inappropriate Discharge	11

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Notified	Y
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Year of Notification	
--Primary Cause	No. of Claims
Foreign Body Left In Situ	11
Fail/Delay Referring To Hosp.	9
Fail To Carry Out PO Observs.	8
Poor Application Of Plstr Cast	7
Other	6
Wrong Diagnosis	6
Not Specified	5
Lack Of Facilities/Equipment	5
Causes with less than 5 Claims	31
Grand Total	6,095

Table 4: Number and Cost of Clinical Claims Closed (or settled with a periodical payment order) between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' with a damages payment, where the Specialty is 'Orthopaedic Surgery'. 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

Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
2020/21	877	97,639,132	12,979,543	48,006,901	158,625,576
2021/22	960	121,218,767	15,155,852	57,814,032	194,188,651
2022/23	858	80,556,074	11,939,910	45,945,696	138,441,680
2023/24	818	98,038,695	11,924,655	49,985,516	159,948,866
2024/25	815	121,448,012	14,303,674	56,662,195	192,413,881
Grand Total	4,328	518,900,681	66,303,634	258,414,340	843,618,655

Table 5: Number and Cost of Clinical Claims Closed (or settled with a periodical payment order) between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' with a damages payment, where the Specialty is 'Orthopaedic Surgery'. 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 ClosedSettled	Damages Paid Y				
Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)					
--Primary Injury	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid	Total Paid
2020/21	877	97,639,132	12,979,543	48,006,901	158,625,576
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	186	12,910,243	2,118,617	8,654,011	23,682,870
Unnecessary Pain	165	12,017,423	2,101,850	7,601,426	21,720,699
Poor Outcome - Fractures Etc.	97	7,088,251	1,111,801	5,095,547	13,295,599
Fracture	84	2,996,432	528,521	2,542,664	6,067,617
Nerve Damage	56	9,063,737	1,536,191	5,331,282	15,931,210
Joint Damage	42	6,123,734	780,470	2,742,377	9,646,581
Pressure Sores	35	645,596	119,973	690,537	1,456,106
Fatality	23	1,257,901	278,791	847,100	2,383,792
Amputation - Lower	21	9,578,150	1,201,383	3,073,681	13,853,214
Thrombosis/Embolism	20	795,283	247,264	1,011,690	2,054,237
Tendon Damage	13	1,083,402	120,274	436,350	1,640,027
Limb Deformity	13	639,049	176,855	624,383	1,440,286
Spinal Damage	11	3,647,301	442,709	1,356,415	5,446,425
Burn(s)	10	255,500	19,026	190,297	464,823
Other	9	381,405	103,891	498,705	984,000
Foot Drop	9	1,483,359	203,451	685,250	2,372,060
Scarring	9	361,250	67,972	278,254	707,476
Amputation - Upper	8	814,431	152,214	475,050	1,441,696
Dislocation	7	656,588	78,045	419,000	1,153,633
Other Infection	7	5,730,627	201,113	983,382	6,915,122
Stroke	5	2,643,425	195,395	537,060	3,375,880
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	5	42,000	18,872	83,507	144,379
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	42	17,424,045	1,174,864	3,848,935	22,447,844
2021/22	960	121,218,767	15,155,852	57,814,032	194,188,651
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	222	16,565,441	2,807,700	10,791,241	30,164,382
Unnecessary Pain	185	15,018,960	2,202,580	8,944,612	26,166,152
Poor Outcome - Fractures Etc.	109	7,107,832	1,154,746	4,889,588	13,152,166
Fracture	77	5,080,238	891,950	3,834,977	9,807,165
Nerve Damage	48	7,918,913	1,061,068	3,791,335	12,771,315
Joint Damage	37	6,288,354	1,292,428	2,610,409	10,191,191
Pressure Sores	35	905,821	165,877	789,500	1,861,198
Fatality	24	3,433,711	345,504	1,264,633	5,043,848
Spinal Damage	22	17,405,850	914,173	3,785,923	22,105,945
Thrombosis/Embolism	19	2,085,220	206,766	1,017,041	3,309,027
Tendon Damage	19	860,891	145,883	649,633	1,656,407
Other Infection	18	6,433,971	423,031	1,645,162	8,502,164
Amputation - Lower	17	8,599,475	543,573	2,728,483	11,871,531
Burn(s)	14	259,595	56,896	280,846	597,337
Dislocation	13	1,782,942	163,315	620,722	2,566,979
Other	9	165,202	102,436	330,223	597,862
Foot Drop	7	3,097,221	265,252	950,390	4,312,863
Limb Deformity	6	798,259	126,552	408,000	1,332,811
Compartment Syndrome	6	2,101,142	166,613	524,513	2,792,268
Partial Paralysis	5	3,232,597	699,123	1,954,900	5,886,620
Bladder Damage	5	2,808,454	118,247	498,500	3,425,201
Scarring	5	43,842	11,409	77,770	133,021
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	58	9,224,835	1,290,731	5,425,630	15,941,197
2022/23	858	80,556,074	11,939,910	45,945,696	138,441,680
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	209	21,570,472	2,742,339	11,386,369	35,699,180
Unnecessary Pain	143	9,474,155	1,727,801	6,451,033	17,652,989
Poor Outcome - Fractures Etc.	86	3,987,198	831,648	3,259,883	8,078,729
Fracture	74	2,521,787	399,970	2,297,987	5,219,745
Nerve Damage	46	6,382,683	1,078,079	3,670,872	11,131,634
Pressure Sores	42	1,680,426	373,090	1,792,734	3,846,250
Joint Damage	35	5,197,497	493,494	1,938,055	7,629,046
Tendon Damage	25	1,323,565	247,698	1,070,213	2,641,477
Spinal Damage	19	2,850,415	669,870	1,995,977	5,516,262
Thrombosis/Embolism	17	426,204	117,140	597,654	1,140,999
Fatality	16	2,295,900	238,212	970,000	3,504,112
Amputation - Lower	16	5,990,445	638,444	2,181,421	8,810,311
Infection (bacterial)	14	489,806	69,325	516,595	1,075,726
Other	12	684,158	128,506	646,299	1,458,962

Table 5: Number and Cost of Clinical Claims Closed (or settled with a periodical payment order) between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' with a damages payment, where the Specialty is 'Orthopaedic Surgery'. 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				
Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)					
--Primary Injury	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid	Total Paid
Scarring	11	197,300	80,763	268,782	546,845
Burn(s)	9	149,866	25,914	211,913	387,693
Other Infection	8	940,155	102,423	368,100	1,410,678
Limb Deformity	8	888,000	118,460	430,450	1,436,910
Dislocation	8	364,498	70,776	408,750	844,024
Foot Drop	5	1,646,264	262,110	873,241	2,781,615
Hospital Acquired Infection	5	641,000	106,407	435,687	1,183,094
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	50	10,854,280	1,417,440	4,173,683	16,445,403
2023/24	818	98,038,695	11,924,655	49,985,516	159,948,866
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	193	11,846,159	2,320,309	9,251,913	23,418,381
Unnecessary Pain	154	8,433,333	1,357,684	6,063,107	15,854,123
Poor Outcome - Fractures Etc.	90	5,713,899	1,173,164	5,119,501	12,006,563
Fracture	57	2,912,089	346,476	2,174,152	5,432,717
Nerve Damage	47	6,999,769	1,226,232	4,790,050	13,016,051
Pressure Sores	32	1,329,317	197,420	1,092,734	2,619,471
Joint Damage	24	5,751,765	559,413	2,144,419	8,455,597
Spinal Damage	18	12,957,090	1,076,390	4,117,405	18,150,886
Fatality	18	1,009,995	171,963	682,272	1,864,231
Amputation - Lower	17	10,532,677	775,020	3,117,515	14,425,212
Tendon Damage	13	454,358	89,876	544,200	1,088,434
Burn(s)	13	121,500	25,473	261,558	408,531
Foot Drop	12	5,461,847	620,676	1,637,500	7,720,024
Thrombosis/Embolism	11	781,564	73,125	434,547	1,289,236
Other	10	225,341	34,966	389,000	649,307
Dislocation	9	256,054	36,294	340,650	632,998
Limb Deformity	9	1,715,449	172,764	696,487	2,584,700
Infection (bacterial)	9	399,779	104,818	384,000	888,597
Other Infection	8	1,662,000	182,872	663,500	2,508,372
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	6	101,019	28,469	191,020	320,509
Tissue Damage	6	119,817	67,906	285,412	473,135
Advanced Stage Cancer	5	924,172	66,476	356,500	1,347,147
Scarring	5	40,238	9,579	148,600	198,417
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	52	18,289,463	1,207,290	5,099,474	24,596,227
2024/25	815	121,448,012	14,303,674	56,662,195	192,413,881
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	209	23,006,934	3,346,145	13,286,070	39,639,150
Unnecessary Pain	135	8,449,500	1,389,544	6,255,349	16,094,392
Poor Outcome - Fractures Etc.	90	6,089,196	1,126,129	4,751,031	11,966,356
Fracture	64	2,990,113	467,579	2,791,787	6,249,478
Nerve Damage	45	8,157,024	1,477,927	5,356,609	14,991,559
Pressure Sores	27	621,881	125,654	891,784	1,639,318
Joint Damage	26	3,643,930	482,913	1,847,908	5,974,751
Spinal Damage	25	22,680,738	1,596,489	5,444,578	29,721,805
Fatality	21	1,483,750	226,841	1,110,099	2,820,690
Infection (bacterial)	19	4,197,409	400,284	1,592,546	6,190,239
Tendon Damage	18	2,204,663	322,172	1,451,426	3,978,260
Amputation - Lower	15	9,419,395	547,636	1,893,135	11,860,166
Limb Deformity	11	2,572,638	319,627	978,500	3,870,765
Scarring	10	234,401	43,453	252,412	530,266
Dislocation	9	1,514,355	87,683	550,500	2,152,537
Other	8	376,435	70,501	318,500	765,436
Thrombosis/Embolism	8	107,096	46,903	193,125	347,125
Burn(s)	7	95,743	15,153	86,622	197,518
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	6	222,205	76,279	373,500	671,984
Tissue Damage	6	424,317	63,212	251,500	739,029
Foot Drop	5	472,907	87,583	294,500	854,990
Sepsis	5	89,205	10,913	89,325	189,443
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	46	22,394,179	1,973,053	6,601,390	30,968,622
Grand Total	4,328	518,900,681	66,303,634	258,414,340	843,618,655

Table 6: Number and Cost of Clinical Claims Closed (or settled with a periodical payment order) between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' with a damages payment, where the Specialty is 'Orthopaedic Surgery'. Broken down by Primary Cause. 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				
Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)					
--Primary Cause	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid	Total Paid
2020/21	877	97,639,132	12,979,543	48,006,901	158,625,576
Fail / Delay Treatment	195	17,570,176	3,012,609	11,096,633	31,679,418
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	104	12,080,606	1,375,554	5,721,714	19,177,874
Intra-Op Problems	97	11,508,717	1,766,496	6,585,062	19,860,275
Inappropriate Treatment	87	13,580,085	1,707,240	5,211,982	20,499,307
Operator Error	55	3,439,571	513,235	1,941,978	5,894,784
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	53	7,448,194	1,214,037	4,118,222	12,780,453
Inadequate Nursing Care	41	1,259,430	391,481	1,381,980	3,032,890
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	26	4,535,875	479,864	1,602,620	6,618,359
Failure To Interpret X-Ray	19	1,476,531	126,361	492,752	2,095,643
Delay In Performing Operation	18	8,446,066	442,141	1,660,600	10,548,808
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	18	1,531,419	82,058	643,351	2,256,829
Failure To X-Ray	16	439,072	132,512	472,524	1,044,108
Foreign Body Left In Situ	15	550,146	168,115	684,613	1,402,875
Failure To Perform Operation	14	1,455,201	167,503	915,098	2,537,802
Fail To Supervise	13	318,091	64,034	310,150	692,275
Medication Errors	12	1,661,925	63,914	317,567	2,043,407
Equipment Malfunction	10	336,272	111,514	479,350	927,136
Wrong Site Surgery	10	324,479	90,970	293,231	708,681
Lack Of Pre-Op Evaluation	8	529,737	77,279	328,600	935,616
Perform. Of Op. Not Indicated	7	264,047	72,084	216,487	552,617
Inadequate Monitoring Intra-Op	7	141,030	11,699	155,950	308,679
Bacterial Infection	6	673,000	144,361	396,549	1,213,911
Lack Of Assistance/Care	5	124,192	38,058	127,750	290,000
Causes with less than 5 Claims	41	7,945,271	726,424	2,852,137	11,523,832
2021/22	960	121,218,767	15,155,852	57,814,032	194,188,651
Fail / Delay Treatment	224	31,864,172	3,159,149	13,459,764	48,483,086
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	124	12,938,602	2,179,426	7,962,190	23,080,218
Inappropriate Treatment	102	20,879,175	2,142,871	6,411,132	29,433,178
Intra-Op Problems	93	20,517,414	2,311,464	8,706,972	31,535,850
Operator Error	65	8,085,628	914,302	3,523,986	12,523,916
Inadequate Nursing Care	47	2,128,889	284,564	1,729,881	4,143,334
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	38	4,676,068	998,102	2,822,646	8,496,816
Failure To Interpret X-Ray	32	2,206,497	339,725	1,452,598	3,998,820
Delay In Performing Operation	28	968,737	242,948	1,066,685	2,278,370
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	26	3,183,449	515,896	2,003,123	5,702,468
Failure To X-Ray	17	369,620	132,979	638,839	1,141,438
Failure To Perform Operation	16	1,085,620	188,619	760,523	2,034,762
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	14	240,293	70,443	380,572	691,308
Failure To Perform Tests	11	1,469,608	206,711	738,764	2,415,083
Equipment Malfunction	10	454,242	78,325	300,573	833,140
Fail To Supervise	9	935,181	131,776	454,956	1,521,912
Foreign Body Left In Situ	9	221,431	32,161	221,170	474,761
Lack Of Assistance/Care	8	647,483	67,789	304,745	1,020,016
Wrong Diagnosis	8	1,680,558	235,019	849,275	2,764,852
Bacterial Infection	7	654,010	61,580	425,676	1,141,266
Inappropriate Discharge	7	121,737	65,675	186,110	373,522
Medication Errors	6	127,888	41,204	178,544	347,636
Wrong Site Surgery	6	940,200	47,020	300,000	1,287,220
Perform. Of Op. Not Indicated	5	184,094	16,298	238,000	438,392
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	5	1,459,479	106,747	395,198	1,961,424
Lack Of Pre-Op Evaluation	5	365,770	67,134	281,500	714,404
Fail To Carry Out PO Observs.	5	487,173	116,735	396,939	1,000,847
Causes with less than 5 Claims	33	2,325,749	401,190	1,623,673	4,350,612
2022/23	858	80,556,074	11,939,910	45,945,696	138,441,680
Fail / Delay Treatment	220	17,496,804	2,831,023	11,035,131	31,362,958
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	127	13,745,081	2,125,273	8,286,739	24,157,093
Inappropriate Treatment	79	8,552,304	1,348,231	4,991,140	14,891,675
Intra-Op Problems	77	10,233,936	1,223,528	4,396,357	15,853,822
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	50	8,743,024	947,423	3,570,732	13,261,179
Operator Error	43	3,328,612	453,843	2,059,158	5,841,613
Inadequate Nursing Care	39	1,269,623	230,133	1,435,810	2,935,566
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	31	2,864,656	501,858	1,853,968	5,220,483

Table 6: Number and Cost of Clinical Claims Closed (or settled with a periodical payment order) between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' with a damages payment, where the Specialty is 'Orthopaedic Surgery'. Broken down by Primary Cause. 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 ClosedSettled	Damages Paid Y				
Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)					
--Primary Cause	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid	Total Paid
Failure To Interpret X-Ray	21	513,710	101,466	588,481	1,203,657
Delay In Performing Operation	17	1,643,929	246,645	714,987	2,605,560
Failure To X-Ray	15	233,745	118,355	581,988	934,088
Lack Of Assistance/Care	11	623,248	149,387	466,252	1,238,887
Failure To Perform Tests	11	1,011,258	125,309	539,850	1,676,417
Failure To Perform Operation	11	494,544	136,699	480,681	1,111,924
Medication Errors	10	223,250	23,386	155,550	402,186
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	9	182,250	56,311	331,950	570,511
Fail To Supervise	9	570,947	71,151	354,241	996,339
Perform. Of Op. Not Indicated	8	266,588	30,999	254,500	552,087
Poor Application Of Plstr Cast	7	263,476	50,513	200,770	514,760
Inappropriate Discharge	6	40,844	17,368	131,250	189,462
Foreign Body Left In Situ	6	504,525	103,771	305,845	914,142
Wrong Diagnosis	6	547,962	126,693	380,050	1,054,706
Bacterial Infection	5	2,454,405	214,887	756,936	3,426,228
Diathermy Burns/react. To Prep	5	52,000	32,961	127,628	212,589
Causes with less than 5 Claims	35	4,695,352	672,696	1,945,702	7,313,751
2023/24	818	98,038,695	11,924,655	49,985,516	159,948,866
Fail / Delay Treatment	214	22,500,261	2,881,698	11,894,587	37,276,546
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	91	16,915,452	1,562,621	7,487,956	25,966,029
Intra-Op Problems	73	14,639,407	1,602,663	5,534,960	21,777,030
Inappropriate Treatment	66	7,017,732	1,094,343	4,476,202	12,588,277
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	44	5,361,975	849,028	3,353,614	9,564,617
Inadequate Nursing Care	40	1,378,687	314,112	1,174,934	2,867,733
Operator Error	38	3,807,657	523,423	2,054,855	6,385,936
Failure To Interpret X-Ray	37	1,815,929	283,396	1,678,756	3,778,082
Delay In Performing Operation	18	1,545,112	237,095	1,141,501	2,923,708
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	18	8,643,458	592,640	2,065,176	11,301,273
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	16	441,645	52,506	463,646	957,797
Lack Of Assistance/Care	14	259,775	56,153	326,500	642,429
Failure To X-Ray	14	995,821	328,805	1,093,997	2,418,623
Failure To Perform Tests	13	1,924,771	197,996	998,800	3,121,567
Perform. Of Op. Not Indicated	11	1,604,525	220,269	924,500	2,749,293
Medication Errors	10	673,495	129,745	442,658	1,245,899
Foreign Body Left In Situ	10	155,820	20,642	277,113	453,574
Failure To Perform Operation	9	313,252	36,054	285,500	634,806
Fail To Carry Out PO Observs.	8	762,661	79,400	567,250	1,409,311
Wrong Site Surgery	7	179,738	60,415	352,600	592,753
Fail To Supervise	6	86,000	9,541	139,947	235,488
Lack Of Pre-Op Evaluation	6	483,842	134,313	313,500	931,656
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	5	1,875,000	79,610	329,000	2,283,610
Inappropriate Discharge	5	1,229,595	48,859	337,500	1,615,954
Bacterial Infection	5	99,593	39,698	142,015	281,306
Causes with less than 5 Claims	40	3,327,494	489,629	2,128,450	5,945,572
2024/25	815	121,448,012	14,303,674	56,662,195	192,413,881
Fail / Delay Treatment	199	24,970,257	2,739,291	12,078,322	39,787,870
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	100	20,488,224	2,176,579	8,366,010	31,030,814
Inappropriate Treatment	89	16,630,458	1,766,619	6,419,925	24,817,003
Intra-Op Problems	54	15,495,201	1,549,085	5,780,303	22,824,589
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	54	4,440,153	968,389	3,556,575	8,965,116
Operator Error	41	6,374,626	933,770	3,304,602	10,612,997
Inadequate Nursing Care	34	3,327,326	357,462	1,798,525	5,483,313
Failure To Interpret X-Ray	33	2,761,821	352,748	1,840,682	4,955,251
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	26	4,759,921	757,743	2,478,727	7,996,391
Delay In Performing Operation	26	6,698,734	552,533	2,406,950	9,658,216
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	17	1,131,460	199,397	715,900	2,046,757
Failure To Perform Tests	15	2,971,191	306,418	1,245,759	4,523,369
Failure To X-Ray	13	682,875	293,207	858,651	1,834,734
Failure To Perform Operation	10	420,216	134,078	483,615	1,037,909
Foreign Body Left In Situ	10	239,365	34,583	281,125	555,073
Lack Of Assistance/Care	9	242,480	55,062	401,000	698,542
Medication Errors	8	289,000	90,671	274,875	654,546
Inadequate Monitoring Intra-Op	8	358,092	98,720	523,250	980,061

Table 6: Number and Cost of Clinical Claims Closed (or settled with a periodical payment order) between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' with a damages payment, where the Specialty is 'Orthopaedic Surgery'. Broken down by Primary Cause. 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				
Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)					
--Primary Cause	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid	Total Paid
Err With Agnt/Dose/Route/Selec	8	149,075	18,091	191,504	358,670
Poor Application Of Plstr Cast	7	194,665	37,992	216,230	448,887
Fail To Supervise	6	139,891	20,768	212,250	372,909
Perform. Of Op. Not Indicated	5	340,257	48,711	259,250	648,217
Causes with less than 5 Claims	43	8,342,725	811,756	2,968,165	12,122,646
Grand Total	4,328	518,900,681	66,303,634	258,414,340	843,618,655

Table 7: Number and Cost of Clinical Claims Closed between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' with NIL damages paid where the Specialty is 'Orthopaedic Surgery'.

ClaimOutcome	Nil Damages
ClosedSettled	Y

Year of Closure	No. of Claims	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
2020/21	455	1,871,476	62,200	1,933,676
2021/22	484	2,804,110	121,964	2,926,074
2022/23	439	2,557,095	39,250	2,596,345
2023/24	422	2,551,301	64,020	2,615,321
2024/25	423	2,099,966	81,554	2,181,520
Grand Total	2,223	11,883,949	368,988	12,252,937

Table 8: Number and Cost of Clinical Claims Closed between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' with NIL damages paid where the Specialty is 'Orthopaedic Surgery'. Broken down by Primary Injury.

ClaimOutcome	Nil Damages
ClosedSettled	Y

Year of Closure --Primary Injury	No. of Claims	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid
2020/21	455	1,871,476	62,200
Unnecessary Pain	96	321,211	#
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	83	415,100	0
Poor Outcome - Fractures Etc.	60	132,858	0
Fracture	35	69,962	0
Nerve Damage	25	169,678	0
Joint Damage	21	113,918	37,800
Fatality	20	80,090	#
Thrombosis/Embolism	14	38,730	15,000
Amputation - Lower	10	117,789	0
Other Infection	10	36,330	#
Limb Deformity	7	20,302	0
Other	7	56,485	0
Tendon Damage	6	8,330	0
Tissue Damage	6	42,376	0
Pressure Sores	6	7,348	0
Spinal Damage	5	31,867	0
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	44	209,104	#
2021/22	484	2,804,110	121,964
Unnecessary Pain	114	592,819	#
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	93	543,864	#
Poor Outcome - Fractures Etc.	52	388,440	105,000
Fracture	38	86,413	0
Fatality	29	177,388	0
Nerve Damage	26	281,979	16,000
Joint Damage	17	109,532	#
Amputation - Lower	9	45,488	0
Foot Drop	9	99,635	#
Infection (bacterial)	9	14,007	0
Limb Deformity	8	10,688	0
Pressure Sores	8	11,382	0
Other	7	6,225	0
Thrombosis/Embolism	6	23,333	0
Spinal Damage	6	65,817	0
Scarring	5	7,739	0
Not Specified	5	8,869	0
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	43	330,493	0
2022/23	439	2,557,095	39,250
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	93	401,880	0
Unnecessary Pain	89	205,062	0
Poor Outcome - Fractures Etc.	50	136,000	0
Fracture	34	81,646	0
Nerve Damage	31	294,031	0
Fatality	26	141,597	0
Joint Damage	14	458,169	0
Tendon Damage	11	46,294	0
Amputation - Lower	11	206,735	39,250
Infection (bacterial)	10	17,760	0
Spinal Damage	9	326,073	0
Thrombosis/Embolism	5	18,065	0
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	5	21,112	0

Table 8: Number and Cost of Clinical Claims Closed between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' with NIL damages paid where the Specialty is 'Orthopaedic Surgery'. Broken down by Primary Injury.

ClaimOutcome	Nil Damages
ClosedSettled	Y

Year of Closure			
--Primary Injury	No. of Claims	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	51	202,671	0
2023/24	422	2,551,301	#
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	89	373,656	5,520
Unnecessary Pain	88	204,724	0
Fracture	42	142,379	7,000
Poor Outcome - Fractures Etc.	35	133,557	0
Nerve Damage	25	429,162	50,000
Joint Damage	18	41,129	0
Fatality	17	147,602	0
Infection (bacterial)	15	29,598	0
Thrombosis/Embolism	11	69,211	0
Amputation - Lower	9	278,088	0
Spinal Damage	7	60,303	0
Pressure Sores	6	7,168	0
Limb Deformity	5	146,945	0
Dislocation	5	5,860	0
Tendon Damage	5	5,625	0
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	45	476,296	#
2024/25	423	2,099,966	81,554
Unnecessary Pain	92	280,144	#
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	67	200,172	#
Poor Outcome - Fractures Etc.	50	281,030	0
Fracture	32	136,518	0
Nerve Damage	32	306,057	50,000
Joint Damage	26	112,182	0
Fatality	20	82,007	0
Infection (bacterial)	17	45,930	0
Spinal Damage	8	75,450	0
Tendon Damage	7	18,462	0
Pressure Sores	7	13,297	0
Sepsis	6	14,262	0
Tissue Damage	5	10,898	0
Amputation - Lower	5	32,348	0
Limb Deformity	5	13,675	0
Injuries with less than 5 Claims	44	477,535	30,000

Table 9: Number and Cost of Clinical Claims Closed between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' with NIL damages paid where the Speciality is 'Orthopaedic Surgery'. Broken down by Primary Cause.

ClaimOutcome	Nil Damages		
ClosedSettled	Y		

Year of Closure --Primary Cause	No. of Claims	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid
2020/21	455	1,871,476	62,200
Fail / Delay Treatment	126	409,213	#
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	53	160,210	41,100
Inappropriate Treatment	50	349,695	0
Intra-Op Problems	35	151,836	#
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	31	244,661	0
Operator Error	26	90,911	#
Inadequate Nursing Care	18	35,848	15,000
Delay In Performing Operation	11	17,765	0
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	10	31,757	0
Other	9	24,912	0
Failure To Interpret X-Ray	9	37,872	0
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	8	42,514	0
Fail/Delay Referring To Hosp.	6	25,270	0
Bacterial Infection	5	16,777	0
Failure To Perform Operation	5	10,235	0
Causes with less than 5 Claims	53	222,000	0
2021/22	484	2,804,110	121,964
Fail / Delay Treatment	136	829,408	#
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	72	386,460	105,100
Inappropriate Treatment	40	351,429	0
Intra-Op Problems	35	325,274	#
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	30	152,445	0
Operator Error	20	133,039	#
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	17	42,057	0
Inadequate Nursing Care	12	31,757	0
Delay In Performing Operation	12	27,966	0
Inadequate Monitoring Intra-Op	9	61,619	16,000
Failure To Interpret X-Ray	9	34,302	0
Bacterial Infection	8	19,034	#
Equipment Malfunction	7	14,748	0
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	7	20,558	0
Fail To Supervise	7	14,096	0
Medication Errors	6	30,103	0
Failure To Perform Operation	6	16,451	0
Other	5	105,940	0
Perform. Of Op. Not Indicated	5	5,122	0
Failure To Perform Tests	5	7,915	0
Not Specified	5	#	0
Failure To X-Ray	5	35,233	0
Causes with less than 5 Claims	26	156,816	0
2022/23	439	2,557,095	39,250
Fail / Delay Treatment	109	410,784	39,250
Inappropriate Treatment	60	782,036	0
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	56	346,509	0
Intra-Op Problems	38	136,232	0
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	31	98,176	0
Operator Error	20	76,046	0
Inadequate Nursing Care	12	22,356	0
Delay In Performing Operation	12	206,602	0
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	10	93,674	0
Failure To Interpret X-Ray	10	71,382	0
Failure To Perform Operation	9	35,606	0
Failure To Perform Tests	7	71,283	0
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	6	23,149	0
Causes with less than 5 Claims	59	183,260	0

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ClaimOutcome	Nil Damages		
ClosedSettled	Y		

Year of Closure --Primary Cause	No. of Claims	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid
2023/24	422	2,551,301	#
Fail / Delay Treatment	124	580,879	0
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	46	258,508	0
Inappropriate Treatment	36	406,612	0
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	29	245,011	0
Intra-Op Problems	28	103,254	11,020
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	15	62,958	#
Operator Error	14	31,353	0
Inadequate Nursing Care	12	22,207	0
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	11	25,371	0
Failure To Perform Operation	9	15,346	0
Perform. Of Op. Not Indicated	8	7,428	0
Delay In Performing Operation	8	192,042	0
Failure To Perform Tests	7	177,120	0
Fail To Supervise	7	18,924	0
Failure To X-Ray	6	17,988	0
Medication Errors	5	6,347	0
Failure To Interpret X-Ray	5	34,851	0
Fail/Delay Referring To Hosp.	5	12,164	0
Causes with less than 5 Claims	47	332,937	50,000
2024/25	423	2,099,966	81,554
Fail / Delay Treatment	110	438,812	0
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	52	204,858	0
Operator Error	40	66,185	0
Inappropriate Treatment	39	200,188	#
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	30	113,699	0
Intra-Op Problems	26	104,991	0
Inadequate Nursing Care	14	37,049	0
Delay In Performing Operation	13	42,528	0
Failure To X-Ray	10	129,496	0
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	9	48,731	#
Failure To Interpret X-Ray	8	166,857	0
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	8	10,310	#
Failure To Perform Operation	6	16,365	0
Bacterial Infection	6	29,487	0
Failure To Perform Tests	5	23,201	0
Causes with less than 5 Claims	47	467,210	80,000