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The following information was requested on 24 June 2026:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please provide data regarding personal injury and clinical negligence claims closed against the South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust for the last 5 financial years (up to the most recently completed financial year). Please break the figures down by financial year into a table with the following columns:

- 1. Total number of claims closed.*
- 2. Number of claims settled out of court where damages were paid.*
- 3. Number of claims settled at court trial where damages were paid.*
- 4. Number of claims made by employees and patients separately*
- 5. The total damages paid and total claimant legal fees paid for each of those settlement categories.*

Please provide this data in a standard digital format, such as an Excel workbook or a PDF.

Our Response

Please find attached the requested information. Please note that we have provided claims data for South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust for claims closed between 2020/21 to 2024/25 financial years. The data for the financial year 2025/26 is currently unavailable and 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. For further information, please refer to [Understanding NHS Resolution data - NHS Resolution](#)

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 nil damages payment), 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.

LTPS Scheme

NHS Resolution manages a number of risk-pooling schemes (similar to insurance) for the NHS, one of which is the Liability to Third Parties Scheme (LTPS). This covers both employers' liability (**EL**) (i.e. in relation to duties of care owed to employees) and public liability (**PL**) (i.e. in relation to duties of care owed other patients, visitors, and other members of the public).

The data provided in tables 3, 4, 5, 8, 9 and 10 covers our Liability to Third Parties Scheme (LTPS). You can find out more about the LTPS scheme here: [Liabilities to Third Parties Scheme - NHS Resolution](#)

Please note that public liability (PL) under the LTPS covers all members of the public and, in some non-clinical cases, may include patients. We are therefore only able to provide the available breakdown by employers' liability (EL) and public liability (PL) and cannot provide a further breakdown.

Clinical Negligence Scheme for Trusts - CNST Scheme

The data provided in tables 1, 2, 6 and 7 covers our Clinical Negligence Scheme for Trusts (CNST). CNST covers claims for personal injury arising from the diagnosis of any illness, or the care or treatment of any patient. For further information about the CNST, please visit our website here: [Clinical Negligence Scheme for Trusts - NHS Resolution](#)

Please find attached the following tables:

Table 1 shows: - Number and Cost of **CNST** Claims Closed between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' with a damages payment, for **South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust**. The data includes the damages and legal costs paid up until the end of each relevant financial year of closure. Broken down by **Year of Closure**.

There were no claims during the financial year 2023/24 that met the above criteria.

Table 2 shows: - Number and Cost of **CNST** Claims Closed between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' with a damages payment, for **South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust**. The data includes the damages and legal costs

paid up until the end of each relevant financial year of closure. Broken down by **Litigated Status**.

The data provided relates to whether the claim was settled before or after the commencement of formal court proceedings, where “Litigated” means it was and “Not Litigated” means it was resolved prior to the commencement of court proceedings. Please note: Not all cases where court proceedings are commenced will result in a hearing/trial they may settle “out of Court”.

Table 3 shows: - Number and Cost of **LTPS** Claims Closed between financial years ‘2020/21’ and ‘2024/25’ with a damages payment, for **South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust**. The data includes the damages and legal costs paid up until the end of each relevant financial year of closure. Broken down by **Year of Closure**.

Table 4 shows: - Number and Cost of **LTPS** Claims Closed between financial years ‘2020/21’ and ‘2024/25’ with a damages payment, for **South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust**. The data includes the damages and legal costs paid up until the end of each relevant financial year of closure. Broken down by **Schedule**.

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Please refer to note under table 2 regarding “Litigated Status”.

Table 6 shows: - Number and Cost of **CNST** Claims Closed between financial years ‘2020/21’ and ‘2024/25’ with **NIL** damages paid, for **South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust**. Broken down by **Year of Closure**.

Table 7 shows: - Number and Cost of **CNST** Claims Closed between financial years ‘2020/21’ and ‘2024/25’ with **NIL** damages paid, for **South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust**. Broken down by **Litigated Status**.

Please refer to note under table 2 regarding “Litigated Status”.

Table 8 shows: - Number and Cost of **LTPS** Claims Closed between financial years ‘2020/21’ and ‘2024/25’ with **NIL** damages paid, for **South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust**. Broken down by **Year of Closure**.

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Please refer to note under Table 2 regarding "Litigated Status".

Low figures

Please note we have suppressed low figures (and high figures that would make it possible to work out 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 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.

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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ClaimOutcome	Damages Paid
ClosedSettled	Y
Scheme	CNST

Year of Closure	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
2020/21	#	#	#	#	#
2021/22	6	103,880	66,507	316,625	487,012
2022/23	#	#	#	#	#
2024/25	10	1,206,989	248,371	825,550	2,280,909
Grand Total	22	1,733,740	387,254	1,380,425	3,501,419

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ClaimOutcome	Damages Paid
ClosedSettled	Y
Scheme	CNST

Litigation Status	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
Not Litigated	10	446,428	57,208	227,650	731,286
Litigated	12	1,287,312	330,047	1,152,775	2,770,133
Grand Total	22	1,733,740	387,254	1,380,425	3,501,419

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ClaimOutcome	Damages Paid
ClosedSettled	Y
Scheme	LTPS

Year of Closure	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
2020/21	6	102,097	65,019	119,414	286,530
2021/22	8	79,762	48,387	174,168	302,316
2022/23	7	28,824	22,415	28,330	79,569
2023/24	#	#	#	#	#
2024/25	6	227,080	109,849	136,984	473,913
Grand Total	#	#	#	#	#

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ClaimOutcome	Damages Paid
ClosedSettled	Y
Scheme	LTPS

Schedule	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
Empl Liab	22	433,338	209,444	362,635	1,005,417
PL - Data Protection Act	6	27,400	36,951	119,898	184,249
Public Liab (PL)	#	#	#	#	#
Grand Total	#	#	#	#	#



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ClaimOutcome	Damages Paid
ClosedSettled	Y
Scheme	LTPS

Litigation Status	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
Not Litigated	#	#	#	#	#
Litigated	23	445,196	237,201	458,195	1,140,591
Grand Total	#	#	#	#	#

Table 6: Number and Cost of CNST Claims Closed between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' with NIL damages paid, for South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. Broken down by Year of Closure.

ClaimOutcome	Nil Damages
ClosedSettled	Y
Scheme	CNST

Year of Closure	No. of Claims	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
2020/21	5	86,687	0	86,687
2021/22	#	#	#	#
2022/23	#	#	#	#
2023/24	6	34,646	0	34,646
2024/25	5	15,024	0	15,024
Grand Total	#	#	#	#

Table 7: Number and Cost of CNST Claims Closed between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' with NIL damages paid, for South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. Broken down by Litigated Status.

ClaimOutcome	Nil Damages
ClosedSettled	Y
Scheme	CNST

Litigation Status	No. of Claims	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
Not Litigated	19	68,289	0	68,289
Litigated	#	#	#	#
Grand Total	#	#	#	#

Table 8: Number and Cost of LTPS Claims Closed between financial years '2020/21' and '2024/25' with NIL damages paid, for South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. Broken down by Year of Closure.

ClaimOutcome	Nil Damages
ClosedSettled	Y
Scheme	LTPS

Year of Closure	No. of Claims	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
2020/21	13	#	#	#
2021/22	13	5,660	0	5,660
2022/23	#	0	0	0
2023/24	7	12,277	0	12,277
2024/25	9	8,190	#	8,765
Grand Total	#	#	#	#

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ClaimOutcome	Nil Damages
ClosedSettled	Y
Scheme	LTPS

Schedule	No. of Claims	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
Empl Liab	41	26,684	#	#
Public Liab (PL)	#	#	0	#
Grand Total	#	#	#	#

Table 10: Number and Cost of LTPS Claims Closed between financial years ‘2020/21’ and ‘2024/25’ with NIL damages paid, for South West Yorkshire Partnership NHS Foundation Trust. Broken down by Litigated Status.

ClaimOutcome	Nil Damages
ClosedSettled	Y
Scheme	LTPS

Litigation Status	No. of Claims	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
Not Litigated	45	5,828	#	#
Litigated	#	#	#	#
Grand Total	#	#	#	#