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The following information was requested on 1 October 2018:

*I am a research pharmacist and request information:
I would like to know the no of claims and payment made (total per year) arising specifically
from Medication Errors annually from 2012/13 to 2017/18 . I can't find this detail from data on
your website.*

Our Response

Please find attached the requested information.

The table above shows all claims settled or closed over the financial period 2012/13 to 2017/18 in relation to 'Medication Errors' and related search terms. It is important to note therefore that the codes are attributed to claims when first notified to the NHS Resolution and so it is not possible to tell how much, if any, of the damages relate to this cause alone as the settlement of claims can be attributed to multiple causes.

Please note 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(3)(a)(i) of the 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.

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For further details about how data is categorised in the Claims system please see the following link: [Glossary](#)

This concludes our response to your request.

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Clinical_NonClinical	Clinical
Claim_Outcome	(All)

Notification Year	No. of Claims
2012/13	372
2013/14	416
2014/15	455
2015/16	469
2016/17	395
2017/18	420
Grand Total	2,527

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Table 2: Number and Cost of Claims Closed/Settled with damages payment in relation to 'Medication Errors' over financial period 2012/13 to 2017/18.

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Clinical_NonClinical Claim_Outcome	Clinical Settled
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Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	Defence Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid	Total Paid
2012/13	233	12,774,138	1,384,218	6,226,965	20,385,320
2013/14	218	21,955,862	1,591,735	7,348,983	30,896,580
2014/15	238	18,662,637	1,941,742	9,495,735	30,100,113
2015/16	217	11,022,403	1,577,951	7,042,834	19,643,189
2016/17	328	27,380,166	2,618,388	11,429,615	41,428,168
2017/18	272	20,348,777	2,395,029	11,602,883	34,346,689
Grand Total	1,506	112,143,983	11,509,063	53,147,015	176,800,061

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Clinical_NonClinical	Clinical
Claim_Outcome	Unsuccessful

Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)	No. of Claims
2012/13	112
2013/14	137
2014/15	143
2015/16	153
2016/17	160
2017/18	160
Grand Total	865

Table 4: Analysis of Specialties for Claims Closed/Settled with damages payment in relation to 'Medication Errors' over financial period 2012/13 to 2017/18.

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Clinical_NonClinical Claim_Outcome	Clinical Settled
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Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)					
-- Specialties	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	Defence Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid	Total Paid
2012/13					
General Medicine	38	1,817,643	225,619	1,010,076	3,053,337
Anaesthesia	19	3,062,501	166,589	977,500	4,206,591
Orthopaedic Surgery	15	769,012	82,565	372,758	1,224,335
General Surgery	12	359,505	40,223	428,800	828,528
Casualty / A & E	11	161,176	59,986	326,220	547,382
Oncology	11	683,068	38,779	174,104	895,950
Paediatrics	11	1,140,396	198,389	313,988	1,652,772
Obstetrics	9	121,047	7,066	92,931	221,044
Psychiatry/ Mental Health	9	119,500	34,632	200,900	355,032
Pharmacy	8	30,500	10,014	55,723	96,236
Haematology	8	1,331,513	157,026	487,583	1,976,122
Cardiology	7	314,000	34,175	153,375	501,550
Geriatric Medicine	7	73,500	3,388	61,230	138,118
HM Prison Medical/dental	7	8,472	2,813	26,875	38,160
Ophthalmology	6	229,788	11,559	94,400	335,747
Gastroenterology	6	79,000	14,907	102,900	196,807
Urology	6	268,738	54,166	188,800	511,704
Surgical Speciality - Other	5	62,875	4,384	48,075	115,334
Neurology	5	1,097,650	74,830	224,300	1,396,780
Cardio Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
Gynaecology	#	#	#	#	#
Dermatology	#	#	#	#	#
Community Medicine/ Public Health	#	#	#	#	#
Ambulance	#	#	#	#	#
District Nursing	#	#	#	#	#
Radiology	#	#	#	#	#
Vascular Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
Other	#	#	#	#	#
Chemical Pathology/ Biochemistry	#	#	#	#	#
Microbiology/ Virology	#	#	#	#	#
Otorhinolaryngology/ ENT	#	#	#	#	#
Comm Mental Servs	#	#	#	#	#
General Practice	#	#	#	#	#
Radiotherapy	#	#	#	#	#
Renal Medicine	#	#	#	#	#
2013/14					
General Medicine	32	1,155,065	125,117	838,318	2,118,500
Anaesthesia	23	3,675,043	110,194	735,433	4,520,670
Casualty / A & E	18	1,653,475	133,040	633,650	2,420,165
Cardiology	15	783,751	158,361	777,154	1,719,266
General Surgery	12	1,199,315	87,749	380,200	1,667,264
Orthopaedic Surgery	12	225,720	81,051	325,143	631,914
Obstetrics	12	5,879,933	191,578	862,576	6,934,087
Paediatrics	10	5,058,646	272,315	1,100,900	6,431,861
Pharmacy	8	67,783	7,384	67,143	142,311

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Clinical_NonClinical	Clinical
Claim_Outcome	Settled

Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)					
-- Specialties	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	Defence Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid	Total Paid
Psychiatry/ Mental Health	7	359,988	137,571	129,540	627,100
Gynaecology	6	56,117	9,921	79,607	145,645
Oncology	5	453,125	139,406	273,000	865,532
Gastroenterology	5	77,800	4,050	54,500	136,350
General Practice	5	148,500	10,114	177,750	336,364
Respiratory Medicine/ Thoracic Medic	5	107,535	10,114	137,479	255,128
Renal Medicine	#	#	#	#	#
Haematology	#	#	#	#	#
Ophthalmology	#	#	#	#	#
Geriatric Medicine	#	#	#	#	#
Endocrinology	#	#	#	#	#
HM Prison Medical/dental	#	#	#	#	#
District Nursing	#	#	#	#	#
Community Medicine/ Public Health	#	#	#	#	#
Genito-Urinary Medicine	#	#	#	#	#
Ambulance	#	#	#	#	#
Other	#	#	#	#	#
Radiology	#	#	#	#	#
Otorhinolaryngology/ ENT	#	#	#	#	#
Vascular Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
Paediatric Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
Psychology	#	#	#	#	#
Neurology	#	#	#	#	#
Radiotherapy	#	#	#	#	#
Dentistry	#	#	#	#	#
Rheumatology	#	#	#	#	#
Palliative Medicine	#	#	#	#	#
Urology	#	#	#	#	#
Neurosurgery	#	#	#	#	#
Oral & Maxillo Facial Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
Physiotherapy	#	#	#	#	#
2014/15					
General Medicine	32	1,608,611	167,350	894,519	2,670,480
Anaesthesia	28	620,559	83,478	749,570	1,453,606
Orthopaedic Surgery	19	1,586,824	236,008	1,025,742	2,848,574
Casualty / A & E	14	246,874	50,249	210,520	507,643
Obstetrics	11	1,757,704	88,308	679,524	2,525,535
Paediatrics	10	5,380,351	330,750	1,724,460	7,435,561
General Surgery	10	307,397	45,178	349,975	702,550
Oncology	8	433,400	35,480	279,837	748,716
Haematology	8	984,269	80,807	295,000	1,360,076
Psychiatry/ Mental Health	7	20,115	24,719	27,600	72,434
Pharmacy	7	13,450	5,329	37,358	56,138
Renal Medicine	6	306,000	17,522	95,030	418,552
HM Prison Medical/dental	6	7,100	8,094	17,940	33,134
Geriatric Medicine	5	90,859	16,954	109,700	217,513

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Clinical_NonClinical	Clinical
Claim_Outcome	Settled

Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs) -- Specialties	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	Defence Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid	Total Paid
Dermatology	5	179,297	40,219	131,799	351,316
Gynaecology	5	152,500	40,173	242,745	435,418
Neurology	#	#	#	#	#
Cardiology	#	#	#	#	#
Neurosurgery	#	#	#	#	#
Ophthalmology	#	#	#	#	#
Urology	#	#	#	#	#
Intensive Care Medicine	#	#	#	#	#
Gastroenterology	#	#	#	#	#
Ambulance	#	#	#	#	#
District Nursing	#	#	#	#	#
Otorhinolaryngology/ ENT	#	#	#	#	#
Vascular Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
Genito-Urinary Medicine	#	#	#	#	#
Microbiology/ Virology	#	#	#	#	#
Surgical Speciality - Other	#	#	#	#	#
Respiratory Medicine/ Thoracic Medic	#	#	#	#	#
Other	#	#	#	#	#
General Practice	#	#	#	#	#
Radiotherapy	#	#	#	#	#
Community Medicine/ Public Health	#	#	#	#	#
Paediatric Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
Comm Mental Servs	#	#	#	#	#
Miscellaneous	#	#	#	#	#
Plastic Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
Cardio Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
Endocrinology	#	#	#	#	#
2015/16					
General Medicine	40	1,763,679	308,508	1,247,716	3,319,903
Anaesthesia	21	1,355,418	147,592	860,260	2,363,271
Casualty / A & E	18	342,046	146,645	476,951	965,642
Pharmacy	13	128,950	18,149	200,967	348,065
Orthopaedic Surgery	13	205,115	72,798	303,355	581,268
Obstetrics	8	82,557	23,551	181,122	287,231
Geriatric Medicine	8	117,750	71,384	123,273	312,407
HM Prison Medical/dental	8	9,300	9,306	13,760	32,366
Neurosurgery	7	1,102,467	77,382	489,000	1,668,849
Cardiology	7	832,319	160,002	450,533	1,442,854
Intensive Care Medicine	7	1,258,127	33,245	141,450	1,432,822
General Surgery	6	406,679	24,608	311,500	742,787
Renal Medicine	6	128,500	16,579	169,800	314,879
Gynaecology	5	1,070,761	111,008	544,663	1,726,432
Psychiatry/ Mental Health	5	138,516	7,255	79,600	225,371
Gastroenterology	#	#	#	#	#
Paediatrics	#	#	#	#	#
Respiratory Medicine/ Thoracic Medic	#	#	#	#	#

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Clinical_NonClinical	Clinical
Claim_Outcome	Settled

Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)						
-- Specialties	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	Defence Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid	Total Paid	
Ophthalmology	#	#	#	#	#	#
Vascular Surgery	#	#	#	#	#	#
Dermatology	#	#	#	#	#	#
Endocrinology	#	#	#	#	#	#
General Practice	#	#	#	#	#	#
Oncology	#	#	#	#	#	#
Haematology	#	#	#	#	#	#
Radiology	#	#	#	#	#	#
Neurology	#	#	#	#	#	#
Rheumatology	#	#	#	#	#	#
Otorhinolaryngology/ ENT	#	#	#	#	#	#
Radiotherapy	#	#	#	#	#	#
Plastic Surgery	#	#	#	#	#	#
Cardio Surgery	#	#	#	#	#	#
Comm Mental Servs	#	#	#	#	#	#
Dentistry	#	#	#	#	#	#
Other	#	#	#	#	#	#
Microbiology/ Virology	#	#	#	#	#	#
2016/17						
General Medicine	37	1,288,765	155,095	722,552	2,166,413	
Casualty / A & E	35	542,500	260,954	797,931	1,601,384	
Anaesthesia	32	4,428,041	364,919	1,523,465	6,316,424	
Orthopaedic Surgery	25	1,437,844	233,046	1,217,527	2,888,417	
General Surgery	17	768,957	129,730	665,224	1,563,910	
Paediatrics	15	11,104,491	409,640	1,175,096	12,689,227	
Geriatric Medicine	14	257,038	60,741	308,777	626,556	
Obstetrics	14	598,636	117,398	732,854	1,448,889	
Cardiology	12	377,660	44,275	289,150	711,085	
Ophthalmology	10	227,953	45,808	219,986	493,746	
Pharmacy	9	55,428	21,012	130,131	206,572	
Psychiatry/ Mental Health	9	92,707	47,518	148,900	289,125	
Oncology	7	96,065	15,231	88,803	200,099	
HM Prison Medical/dental	7	8,227	7,872	23,760	39,859	
Neurology	6	189,750	96,915	264,176	550,841	
Respiratory Medicine/ Thoracic Medic	6	155,084	24,245	165,678	345,007	
Cardio Surgery	5	163,500	30,648	135,400	329,548	
Plastic Surgery	5	42,322	15,164	58,688	116,175	
Dermatology	5	32,267	7,199	55,750	95,216	
Gynaecology	5	123,482	16,978	195,041	335,502	
Microbiology/ Virology	5	4,161,234	250,442	1,095,318	5,506,994	
Renal Medicine	#	#	#	#	#	#
Comm Mental Servs	#	#	#	#	#	#
Urology	#	#	#	#	#	#
Gastroenterology	#	#	#	#	#	#
Community Medicine/ Public Health	#	#	#	#	#	#
Haematology	#	#	#	#	#	#

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Clinical_NonClinical	Clinical
Claim_Outcome	Settled

Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)					
-- Specialties	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	Defence Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid	Total Paid
General Practice	#	#	#	#	#
Other	#	#	#	#	#
Otorhinolaryngology/ ENT	#	#	#	#	#
Endocrinology	#	#	#	#	#
Neurosurgery	#	#	#	#	#
Ambulance	#	#	#	#	#
Surgical Speciality - Other	#	#	#	#	#
Podiatry	#	#	#	#	#
Oral & Maxillo Facial Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
Rheumatology	#	#	#	#	#
Chemical Pathology/ Biochemistry	#	#	#	#	#
District Nursing	#	#	#	#	#
Radiology	#	#	#	#	#
Dentistry	#	#	#	#	#
2017/18					
General Medicine	35	1,316,623	284,171	1,152,604	2,753,398
Anaesthesia	32	4,611,011	366,718	2,519,306	7,497,034
Obstetrics	17	637,350	173,961	914,395	1,725,706
Ophthalmology	15	411,065	63,995	283,388	758,448
Casualty / A & E	14	123,224	37,989	111,150	272,363
General Surgery	12	453,832	171,736	696,599	1,322,167
Psychiatry/ Mental Health	11	334,968	116,672	634,981	1,086,621
Orthopaedic Surgery	9	364,166	34,787	210,548	609,501
Gastroenterology	9	299,415	27,194	259,639	586,248
Neurosurgery	7	2,981,706	234,501	835,075	4,051,282
Paediatrics	7	175,198	66,194	234,171	475,563
HM Prison Medical/dental	7	8,683	8,329	27,160	44,172
Neurology	7	85,349	39,363	181,200	305,912
Pharmacy	6	12,427	12,291	46,716	71,434
Haematology	6	1,949,515	115,261	762,919	2,827,694
Cardiology	6	159,990	51,198	229,233	440,421
Geriatric Medicine	6	36,500	9,431	142,353	188,284
Oncology	6	72,000	26,624	142,500	241,124
Urology	5	436,285	67,527	313,000	816,812
Intensive Care Medicine	#	#	#	#	#
Gynaecology	#	#	#	#	#
Renal Medicine	#	#	#	#	#
Respiratory Medicine/ Thoracic Medic	#	#	#	#	#
Other	#	#	#	#	#
General Practice	#	#	#	#	#
Cardio Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
Radiotherapy	#	#	#	#	#
Dermatology	#	#	#	#	#
Surgical Speciality - Other	#	#	#	#	#
Podiatry	#	#	#	#	#
Plastic Surgery	#	#	#	#	#

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Clinical_NonClinical	Clinical
Claim_Outcome	Settled

Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)						
-- Specialties	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	Defence Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid	Total Paid	
Comm Mental Servs	#	#	#	#	#	#
District Nursing	#	#	#	#	#	#
Audiological Medicine	#	#	#	#	#	#
Rehabilitation	#	#	#	#	#	#
Physiotherapy	#	#	#	#	#	#
Ambulance	#	#	#	#	#	#
Not Specified	#	#	#	#	#	#
Dentistry	#	#	#	#	#	#
Rheumatology	#	#	#	#	#	#
Radiology	#	#	#	#	#	#
Miscellaneous	#	#	#	#	#	#
Non-Clinical Staff	#	#	#	#	#	#
Endocrinology	#	#	#	#	#	#
Grand Total	1,506	112,143,983	11,509,063	53,147,015	176,800,061	

Table 5: Analysis of Primary Injuries for Claims Closed/Settled with damages payment in relation to 'Medication Errors' over financial period 2012/13 to 2017/18.

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Clinical_NonClinical Claim_Outcome	Clinical Settled
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Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)					
----- Primary Injury Types	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	Defence Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid	Total Paid
2012/13					
Unnecessary Pain	59	970,845	166,963	951,703	2,089,510
Fatality	24	669,478	42,939	542,457	1,254,874
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	21	382,316	53,162	389,362	824,840
Nerve Damage	11	917,024	131,991	767,500	1,816,515
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	9	314,777	34,194	288,100	637,071
Thrombosis/Embolism	8	103,481	9,244	114,364	227,088
Bruising/ Extravasation	8	88,987	30,612	158,831	278,430
Anaphylact Shock/Allergic Shock/allergy	7	119,682	27,252	221,620	368,554
Brain Damage	7	2,267,976	277,051	512,100	3,057,126
Learning Difficulties	7	570,883	21,521	89,482	681,886
Other	6	297,335	6,799	115,125	419,259
Tissue Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Scarring	#	#	#	#	#
Other Visual Problems	#	#	#	#	#
Multiple Injuries	#	#	#	#	#
Respiratory Disorder/ Failure	#	#	#	#	#
Spinal Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Cardiac Arrest	#	#	#	#	#
Burn(s)	#	#	#	#	#
Joint Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Fracture	#	#	#	#	#
Renal Damage/ Failure	#	#	#	#	#
Other Infection	#	#	#	#	#
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	#	#	#	#	#
Anaesthetic	#	#	#	#	#
Liver Transplant	#	#	#	#	#
Radiation Exposure	#	#	#	#	#
Incontinence	#	#	#	#	#
Chronic Fatigue Syndrome	#	#	#	#	#
Scarring (Except Facial)	#	#	#	#	#
Cosmetic Disfigurement	#	#	#	#	#
Oedema	#	#	#	#	#
Pressure Sores	#	#	#	#	#
Cardiovascular Condition	#	#	#	#	#
Multiple Disabilities	#	#	#	#	#
Infertility	#	#	#	#	#
Unwanted Pregnancy	#	#	#	#	#
Compartment Syndrome	#	#	#	#	#
Partial Paralysis	#	#	#	#	#
Stroke	#	#	#	#	#
Cancer	#	#	#	#	#
Foot Drop	#	#	#	#	#
Arterial Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Addiction/Dependency	#	#	#	#	#
Dental Damage	#	#	#	#	#

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Clinical_NonClinical Claim_Outcome	Clinical Settled
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Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)					
----- Primary Injury Types	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	Defence Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid	Total Paid
Perforation	#	#	#	#	#
Blindness	#	#	#	#	#
Amputation - Upper	#	#	#	#	#
Deafness	#	#	#	#	#
Hospital Acquired Infection	#	#	#	#	#
2013/14					
Unnecessary Pain	46	243,751	45,296	413,021	702,069
Fatality	32	4,141,696	331,653	1,848,964	6,322,313
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	21	1,198,592	155,065	341,367	1,695,024
Anaphylact Shock/Allergic Shock/allergy	17	2,464,543	94,206	561,101	3,119,850
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	14	586,556	116,501	448,885	1,151,942
Nerve Damage	8	397,483	36,735	309,000	743,218
Scarring	7	267,568	19,420	237,500	524,489
Other	6	25,121	3,331	46,675	75,127
Stroke	5	271,000	64,862	171,997	507,859
Respiratory Disorder/ Failure	5	49,500	6,361	152,750	208,611
Thrombosis/Embolism	#	#	#	#	#
Tissue Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Anaesthetic	#	#	#	#	#
Bruising/ Extravasation	#	#	#	#	#
Cardiac Arrest	#	#	#	#	#
Burn(s)	#	#	#	#	#
Amputation - Upper	#	#	#	#	#
Blindness	#	#	#	#	#
Multiple Disabilities	#	#	#	#	#
Renal Damage/ Failure	#	#	#	#	#
Not Specified	#	#	#	#	#
Lung Disease	#	#	#	#	#
Other Infection	#	#	#	#	#
Paraplegia	#	#	#	#	#
Other Visual Problems	#	#	#	#	#
Thyroid Condition	#	#	#	#	#
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	#	#	#	#	#
Scalp Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Oedema	#	#	#	#	#
Perforation	#	#	#	#	#
Cerebral Palsy	#	#	#	#	#
Cardiovascular Condition	#	#	#	#	#
Brain Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Multiple Injuries	#	#	#	#	#
Partial Paralysis	#	#	#	#	#
Poor Outcome - Fractures Etc.	#	#	#	#	#
Joint Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Arterial Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Epilepsy	#	#	#	#	#
Fistula	#	#	#	#	#

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Clinical_NonClinical Claim_Outcome	Clinical Settled
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Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)					
----- Primary Injury Types	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	Defence Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid	Total Paid
Unwanted Pregnancy	#	#	#	#	#
Stillborn	#	#	#	#	#
2014/15					
Unnecessary Pain	53	2,491,363	336,669	1,371,047	4,199,079
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	30	481,848	91,939	591,190	1,164,977
Fatality	23	1,050,630	136,033	935,573	2,122,236
Anaphylact Shock/Allergic Shock/allergy	20	228,666	43,485	300,424	572,575
Other	14	837,034	68,427	195,764	1,101,225
Respiratory Disorder/ Failure	10	88,865	25,183	209,691	323,739
Nerve Damage	8	1,096,418	83,112	527,790	1,707,320
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	6	315,647	9,650	175,200	500,497
Cardiac Arrest	6	108,500	14,218	148,551	271,269
Brain Damage	6	5,323,007	352,161	1,687,331	7,362,499
Stroke	5	662,707	158,404	518,000	1,339,110
Bruising/ Extravasation	#	#	#	#	#
Multiple Injuries	#	#	#	#	#
Burn(s)	#	#	#	#	#
Thrombosis/Embolism	#	#	#	#	#
Joint Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Other Visual Problems	#	#	#	#	#
Scarring	#	#	#	#	#
Cosmetic Disfigurement	#	#	#	#	#
Liver Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Blindness	#	#	#	#	#
Paraplegia	#	#	#	#	#
Deafness	#	#	#	#	#
Perforation	#	#	#	#	#
Stillborn	#	#	#	#	#
Chromosomal Abnormality	#	#	#	#	#
Oedema	#	#	#	#	#
Malnutrition	#	#	#	#	#
Learning Difficulties	#	#	#	#	#
Poor Outcome - Fractures Etc.	#	#	#	#	#
Reduced Life Expectancy	#	#	#	#	#
Foot Drop	#	#	#	#	#
Not Specified	#	#	#	#	#
Multiple Disabilities	#	#	#	#	#
Renal Damage/ Failure	#	#	#	#	#
Addiction/Dependency	#	#	#	#	#
Anaesthetic	#	#	#	#	#
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	#	#	#	#	#
Cancer	#	#	#	#	#
Infectious Diseases	#	#	#	#	#
Tendon Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Tissue Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Incontinence	#	#	#	#	#

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Clinical_NonClinical Claim_Outcome	Clinical Settled
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Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)					
----- Primary Injury Types	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	Defence Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid	Total Paid
Amputation - Lower	#	#	#	#	#
Hospital Acquired Infection	#	#	#	#	#
2015/16					
Unnecessary Pain	58	1,177,687	236,982	1,192,508	2,607,177
Fatality	26	795,115	140,461	613,133	1,548,709
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	21	264,034	65,245	444,466	773,745
Anaphylact Shock/Allergic Shock/allergy	12	91,466	20,147	165,956	277,569
Other	9	44,142	11,400	80,069	135,610
Cardiac Arrest	7	79,319	43,961	59,213	182,493
Nerve Damage	7	1,400,256	165,652	669,814	2,235,722
Thrombosis/Embolism	7	135,986	26,536	234,827	397,349
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	6	162,000	30,823	143,451	336,275
Stroke	5	2,438,960	328,866	883,250	3,651,076
Anaesthetic	5	141,500	23,646	194,900	360,046
Epilepsy	5	97,061	3,728	35,500	136,289
Brain Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Renal Damage/ Failure	#	#	#	#	#
Respiratory Disorder/ Failure	#	#	#	#	#
Pressure Sores	#	#	#	#	#
Lung Disease	#	#	#	#	#
Other Infection	#	#	#	#	#
Cardiovascular Condition	#	#	#	#	#
Partial Hearing Loss	#	#	#	#	#
Bruising/ Extravasation	#	#	#	#	#
Ulcerative Colitis	#	#	#	#	#
Deafness	#	#	#	#	#
Amputation - Lower	#	#	#	#	#
Burn(s)	#	#	#	#	#
Poor Outcome - Fractures Etc.	#	#	#	#	#
Other Visual Problems	#	#	#	#	#
Liver Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Unwanted Pregnancy	#	#	#	#	#
Tendon Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Fracture	#	#	#	#	#
Paraplegia	#	#	#	#	#
Perforation	#	#	#	#	#
Not Specified	#	#	#	#	#
Infectious Diseases	#	#	#	#	#
Cosmetic Disfigurement	#	#	#	#	#
Incontinence	#	#	#	#	#
Compartment Syndrome	#	#	#	#	#
Tissue Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Spinal Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Infertility	#	#	#	#	#
Scarring	#	#	#	#	#
2016/17					

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Clinical_NonClinical Claim_Outcome	Clinical Settled
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Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)					
----- Primary Injury Types	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	Defence Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid	Total Paid
Unnecessary Pain	81	583,564	223,844	1,335,597	2,143,005
Fatality	38	1,725,899	332,451	1,125,446	3,183,796
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	35	418,599	137,453	560,979	1,117,030
Thrombosis/Embolism	18	742,011	163,406	865,488	1,770,905
Anaphylact Shock/Allergic Shock/allergy	14	89,085	23,456	262,118	374,659
Nerve Damage	11	358,991	110,429	381,063	850,483
Cardiac Arrest	10	737,898	60,048	286,545	1,084,491
Tissue Damage	9	64,627	38,377	226,942	329,946
Other	9	41,307	7,749	87,550	136,606
Other Visual Problems	9	376,600	116,264	403,550	896,414
Brain Damage	8	9,249,312	534,012	1,879,473	11,662,797
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	8	317,316	27,545	344,287	689,149
Cardiovascular Condition	6	98,326	17,889	171,324	287,540
Bruising/ Extravasation	6	128,472	20,377	195,005	343,855
Other Infection	6	134,062	68,872	323,688	526,621
Stroke	5	510,940	25,000	240,532	776,472
Fracture	#	#	#	#	#
Renal Damage/ Failure	#	#	#	#	#
Respiratory Disorder/ Failure	#	#	#	#	#
Burn(s)	#	#	#	#	#
Anaesthetic	#	#	#	#	#
Cosmetic Disfigurement	#	#	#	#	#
Addiction/Dependency	#	#	#	#	#
Liver Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Cerebral Palsy	#	#	#	#	#
Multiple Injuries	#	#	#	#	#
Infectious Diseases	#	#	#	#	#
Partial Hearing Loss	#	#	#	#	#
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	#	#	#	#	#
Infertility	#	#	#	#	#
Compartment Syndrome	#	#	#	#	#
Epilepsy	#	#	#	#	#
Joint Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Pressure Sores	#	#	#	#	#
Arterial Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Chronic Fatigue Syndrome	#	#	#	#	#
Scarring	#	#	#	#	#
Rupture	#	#	#	#	#
Advanced Stage Cancer	#	#	#	#	#
Deafness	#	#	#	#	#
Spinal Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Partial Paralysis	#	#	#	#	#
Dental Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Foot Drop	#	#	#	#	#
Incontinence	#	#	#	#	#
Blindness	#	#	#	#	#

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Clinical_NonClinical Claim_Outcome	Clinical Settled
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Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)					
----- Primary Injury Types	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	Defence Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid	Total Paid
Paraplegia	#	#	#	#	#
Hemiparesis	#	#	#	#	#
2017/18					
Unnecessary Pain	53	384,344	123,976	569,630	1,077,950
Fatality	40	3,007,103	433,106	2,192,984	5,633,193
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	32	622,416	123,789	741,651	1,487,856
Anaphylact Shock/Allergic Shock/allergy	17	142,350	100,034	531,505	773,890
Other	12	60,149	32,116	118,235	210,500
Cardiac Arrest	10	270,365	57,553	490,588	818,507
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	10	593,148	93,113	432,266	1,118,527
Nerve Damage	9	584,460	114,035	417,988	1,116,483
Thrombosis/Embolism	9	303,516	95,006	362,150	760,672
Brain Damage	7	7,751,215	329,542	971,750	9,052,507
Renal Damage/ Failure	7	248,550	32,116	190,100	470,766
Other Visual Problems	6	173,165	10,961	80,398	264,524
Addiction/Dependency	#	#	#	#	#
Respiratory Disorder/ Failure	#	#	#	#	#
Other Infection	#	#	#	#	#
Deafness	#	#	#	#	#
Blindness	#	#	#	#	#
Multiple Injuries	#	#	#	#	#
Cardiovascular Condition	#	#	#	#	#
Fracture	#	#	#	#	#
Scarring	#	#	#	#	#
Bruising/ Extravasation	#	#	#	#	#
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	#	#	#	#	#
Thyroid Condition	#	#	#	#	#
Anaesthetic	#	#	#	#	#
Cerebral Palsy	#	#	#	#	#
Multiple Disabilities	#	#	#	#	#
Burn(s)	#	#	#	#	#
Incontinence	#	#	#	#	#
Compartment Syndrome	#	#	#	#	#
Lung Disease	#	#	#	#	#
Poor Outcome - Fractures Etc.	#	#	#	#	#
Liver Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Bladder Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Scalp Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Unwanted Pregnancy	#	#	#	#	#
Dental Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Partial Paralysis	#	#	#	#	#
Amputation - Lower	#	#	#	#	#
Tardive Dyskinesia	#	#	#	#	#
Epilepsy	#	#	#	#	#
Spinal Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Grand Total	1,506	112,143,983	11,509,063	53,147,015	176,800,061

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Clinical_NonClinical	Clinical
Claim_Outcome	Settled

Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)					
----- Primary Causes	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	Defence Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid	Total Paid
2012/13					
Medication Errors	123	5,558,129	528,403	2,307,063	8,393,596
Err With Agnt/Dose/Route/Selec	87	6,336,456	679,403	3,325,273	10,341,132
Incorrect Injection Site	9	99,450	31,728	194,320	325,498
Inappropriate Treatment	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	#	#	#	#	#
Delay In Performing Operation	#	#	#	#	#
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	#	#	#	#	#
Infusion Problems	#	#	#	#	#
Illness/Disease	#	#	#	#	#
Inadequate Nursing Care	#	#	#	#	#
Lack Of Assistance/Care	#	#	#	#	#
Fail / Delay Treatment	#	#	#	#	#
Intra-Op Problems	#	#	#	#	#
2013/14					
Medication Errors	106	7,976,360	535,468	2,701,258	11,213,086
Err With Agnt/Dose/Route/Selec	80	7,911,427	552,457	2,965,764	11,429,647
Incorrect Injection Site	17	5,207,677	322,126	1,126,767	6,656,569
Inappropriate Treatment	#	#	#	#	#
Fail / Delay Treatment	#	#	#	#	#
Other	#	#	#	#	#
Diathermy Burns/react. To Prep	#	#	#	#	#
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	#	#	#	#	#
Bacterial Infection	#	#	#	#	#
Inadequate Nursing Care	#	#	#	#	#
Infusion Problems	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	#	#	#	#	#
2014/15					
Medication Errors	139	8,722,969	995,545	5,355,697	15,074,211
Err With Agnt/Dose/Route/Selec	75	7,918,852	681,335	2,967,932	11,568,118
Incorrect Injection Site	8	95,637	38,454	286,250	420,341
Fail / Delay Treatment	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	#	#	#	#	#
Wrong Route Admin of Chemotherapy	#	#	#	#	#
Inadequate Nursing Care	#	#	#	#	#
Inappropriate Treatment	#	#	#	#	#
Failed Infection Control Policy/Hospital Hygiene	#	#	#	#	#
Intra-Op Problems	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Supervise	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Carry Out PO Observs.	#	#	#	#	#
2015/16					
Medication Errors	126	5,093,756	818,299	3,343,568	9,255,624
Err With Agnt/Dose/Route/Selec	58	4,024,590	384,630	2,211,311	6,620,532
Incorrect Injection Site	9	695,055	85,870	445,794	1,226,718
Inappropriate Treatment	8	294,195	78,862	331,148	704,205
Fail / Delay Treatment	5	809,557	114,650	365,878	1,290,085
Bacterial Infection	#	#	#	#	#
Inadequate Nursing Care	#	#	#	#	#
Operator Error	#	#	#	#	#
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	#	#	#	#	#
Intubation Problems	#	#	#	#	#
Wrong Route Admin of Chemotherapy	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	#	#	#	#	#
Lack Of Pre-Op Evaluation	#	#	#	#	#
2016/17					
Medication Errors	179	9,098,660	1,007,709	5,165,659	15,272,027
Err With Agnt/Dose/Route/Selec	92	6,594,858	888,409	3,585,204	11,068,471
Incorrect Injection Site	18	284,123	58,075	343,391	685,589
Inappropriate Treatment	7	133,100	20,535	126,425	280,060
Fail / Delay Treatment	6	136,127	42,875	189,575	368,577
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	#	#	#	#	#
Inadequate Nursing Care	#	#	#	#	#
Inappropriate Discharge	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Supervise	#	#	#	#	#
Wrong Diagnosis	#	#	#	#	#
Poor Application Of Plstr Cast	#	#	#	#	#
Problem Blood Fluids	#	#	#	#	#
Delay In Performing Operation	#	#	#	#	#

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Table 6: Analysis of Primary Causes for Claims Closed/Settled damages payment in relation to 'Medication Errors' over financial period 2012/13 to 2017/18.

Search Terms:

[Concatenated Cause contains any of 'Err With Agnt/Dose/Route/Selec', 'Medication Errors', 'Wrong Route Admin of Chemotherapy', 'Incorrect Injection Site']; OR
 [Incident Description contains any of 'medicine error', 'medication error', 'wrong medication', 'wrong medicine', 'incorrect medication', 'incorrect medicine', 'wrong dose', 'wrong dosage', 'incorrect dose', 'incorrect dosage', 'prescribing fault', 'prescribing error', 'prescription fault', 'prescription error', 'incorrect prescription', 'wrong prescription']

Clinical_NonClinical	Clinical
Claim_Outcome	Settled

Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)						
----- Primary Causes	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	Defence Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid	Total Paid	
Infusion Problems	#	#	#	#	#	#
Bacterial Infection	#	#	#	#	#	#
Intra-Op Problems	#	#	#	#	#	#
Premature Ceasure Of Treatment	#	#	#	#	#	#
Fail Mon Dose/rate Syntocinon	#	#	#	#	#	#
Fail/Delay Of Avail Emgy Anaes	#	#	#	#	#	#
Failure To Interpret X-Ray	#	#	#	#	#	#
Other	#	#	#	#	#	#
Operator Error	#	#	#	#	#	#
2017/18						
Medication Errors	166	9,733,679	1,199,146	6,022,138	16,954,963	
Err With Agnt/Dose/Route/Selec	53	9,208,889	742,217	3,648,904	13,600,011	
Incorrect Injection Site	15	555,010	184,480	714,970	1,454,461	
Inappropriate Treatment	10	385,527	123,027	457,309	965,863	
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	#	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	#	#	#	#	#	#
Fail / Delay Treatment	#	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	#	#	#	#	#	#
Wrong Diagnosis	#	#	#	#	#	#
Inadequate Nursing Care	#	#	#	#	#	#
Delay In Performing Operation	#	#	#	#	#	#
Fail/Delay Of Avail Emgy Anaes	#	#	#	#	#	#
Unexpected Death	#	#	#	#	#	#
Intra-Op Problems	#	#	#	#	#	#
Fail/Delay Referring To Hosp.	#	#	#	#	#	#
Inapprop. Case Selection	#	#	#	#	#	#
Poor Application Of Plstr Cast	#	#	#	#	#	#
Self Harm	#	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	#	#	#	#	#	#
Inappropriate Discharge	#	#	#	#	#	#
Grand Total	1,506	112,143,983	11,509,063	53,147,015	176,800,061	