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The following information was requested on 30 October 2018:

Please could you give me a break down of what department's doctors, who have been found responsible for clinical negligence claims, worked in/work for from the beginning of financial year April 2015 to the end of March 2018.

E.g. between 1997 and 2006 the doctor found responsible in 52% of clinical negligence claims worked in orthopaedics, 27% worked in A&E and 8% worked in neurosurgery.

Our Response

We do not hold the information requested in the way you have suggested. We do not act for individual doctors but for providers of NHS care and the data supplied is against speciality for the financial years requested.

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.

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 [Tinku Mitra](#), Head of Corporate and Information Governance 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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Table 1: Analysis of Specialties for Claims Closed/Settled with damages paid between financial years 2015/16 to 2017/18.

Closed_Settled	Y
Clinical_NonClinical	Clinical
Claim_Outcome	Successful

No. of Claims Specialty	Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)			
	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Grand Total
Orthopaedic Surgery	15.49%	15.05%	14.31%	14.92%
Casualty / A & E	13.43%	13.60%	12.72%	13.24%
Obstetrics	10.45%	10.44%	10.81%	10.58%
General Surgery	10.28%	10.36%	10.20%	10.28%
Gynaecology	6.04%	6.04%	7.03%	6.39%
General Medicine	6.59%	5.47%	5.28%	5.73%
Radiology	2.83%	3.19%	3.26%	3.11%
Urology	2.26%	2.45%	2.67%	2.47%
Ophthalmology	2.07%	2.34%	2.25%	2.23%
Geriatric Medicine	2.00%	2.35%	2.05%	2.14%
Gastroenterology	1.67%	2.08%	2.37%	2.06%
Paediatrics	2.00%	2.05%	1.86%	1.97%
Psychiatry/ Mental Health	1.72%	1.86%	1.99%	1.87%
Cardiology	1.71%	1.57%	1.53%	1.60%
Oncology	1.36%	1.66%	1.49%	1.51%
Anaesthesia	1.57%	1.24%	1.39%	1.39%
Neurosurgery	1.19%	1.11%	1.58%	1.30%
Otorhinolaryngology/ ENT	1.29%	1.05%	1.13%	1.15%
Oral & Maxillo Facial Surgery	1.00%	1.05%	1.10%	1.06%
District Nursing	1.12%	0.97%	1.02%	1.03%
Vascular Surgery	0.93%	1.15%	0.98%	1.03%
Dentistry	1.05%	0.88%	0.87%	0.93%
Surgical Speciality - Other	0.91%	0.88%	0.85%	0.88%
Neurology	0.84%	0.88%	0.89%	0.87%
Plastic Surgery	0.95%	0.76%	0.79%	0.83%
Respiratory Medicine/ Thoracic Medic	0.67%	0.94%	0.80%	0.81%
Ambulance	0.76%	0.84%	0.76%	0.79%
Dermatology	0.60%	0.62%	0.69%	0.64%
Cardio Surgery	0.69%	0.53%	0.69%	0.63%
Haematology	0.57%	0.49%	0.49%	0.51%
Renal Medicine	0.40%	0.49%	0.55%	0.48%
Intensive Care Medicine	0.47%	0.33%	0.63%	0.48%
HM Prison Medical/dental	0.38%	0.45%	0.52%	0.45%
Histopathology	0.45%	0.39%	0.40%	0.41%
General Practice	0.33%	0.50%	0.33%	0.39%
Other	0.45%	0.33%	0.40%	0.39%
Podiatry	0.22%	0.33%	0.42%	0.33%
Endocrinology	0.33%	0.45%	0.20%	0.32%
Physiotherapy	0.43%	0.26%	0.24%	0.30%
Comm Mental Servs	0.26%	0.38%	0.26%	0.30%
Rehabilitation	0.21%	0.29%	0.26%	0.25%
Community Medicine/ Public Health	0.19%	0.30%	0.24%	0.25%
Rheumatology	0.17%	0.30%	0.24%	0.24%
Paediatric Surgery	0.29%	0.19%	0.23%	0.23%
Pharmacy	0.22%	0.16%	0.09%	0.15%
Microbiology/ Virology	0.16%	0.20%	0.07%	0.14%
Not Specified	0.10%	0.10%	0.13%	0.11%
Genito-Urinary Medicine	0.16%	0.09%	0.10%	0.11%
Chemical Pathology/ Biochemistry	0.09%	0.13%	0.11%	0.11%
Non-Clinical Staff	0.09%	0.09%	0.10%	0.09%

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Claim_Outcome	Successful

No. of Claims	Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)			
Radiotherapy	0.07%	0.00%	0.16%	0.08%
NHS Direct Services	0.05%	0.04%	0.10%	0.07%
Infectious Diseases	0.05%	0.06%	0.07%	0.06%
Miscellaneous	0.07%	0.04%	0.06%	0.06%
Audiological Medicine	0.03%	0.03%	0.07%	0.05%
Occupational Therapy	0.05%	0.03%	0.04%	0.04%
Palliative Medicine	0.07%	0.01%	0.01%	0.03%
Genetics	0.03%	0.01%	0.03%	0.03%
Forensic Pathology	0.05%	0.03%	0.00%	0.03%
Psychology	0.03%	0.01%	0.01%	0.02%
Blood Transfusion	0.02%	0.03%	0.01%	0.02%
Nuclear Medicine	0.02%	0.00%	0.01%	0.01%
Speech Therapy	0.00%	0.00%	0.03%	0.01%
Occupational Physician	0.00%	0.01%	0.00%	0.01%
(blank)	0.00%	0.01%	0.00%	0.01%
Chiropody	0.02%	0.00%	0.00%	0.01%
Grand Total	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%	100.00%