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The following information was requested on 30 January 2019:

Attached is a response you provided to a Fol request in July 2017 [FOI_2999].

*Could you provide me with a similar response and table to **question 3 alone**, produced on a similar basis, to that supplied in the attached response? 2010/11 to 2017/18 inclusive please.*

Our Response

Please find attached the requested information.

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. 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. Where we are in the territory of such small numbers in the attached, we have used a '#' symbol in the relevant field. You should still be able to see aggregate/total details for higher level fields containing this data.

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 [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 2010/11 and 2017/18 where Cause code is "Medication Error".

Closed_Settled	Y
Clinical_NonClinical	Clinical
Claim_Outcome	Successful
Closure_Year_or_PPOs_Settlement_Year	(Multiple Items)

Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)-- Specialties	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	Defence Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid	Total Paid
General Medicine	199	7,070,311	961,955	4,223,348	12,255,615
Casualty / A & E	92	2,573,857	415,039	1,910,207	4,899,103
Orthopaedic Surgery	78	5,149,947	728,557	3,170,926	9,049,431
General Surgery	66	1,618,388	324,775	1,945,844	3,889,007
Anaesthesia	65	4,133,674	379,322	1,994,015	6,507,011
Obstetrics	55	10,192,569	470,545	2,470,851	13,133,965
Pharmacy	50	184,908	53,583	395,462	633,952
Psychiatry/ Mental Health	49	1,900,316	417,010	1,394,537	3,711,863
Cardiology	42	1,744,350	358,407	1,580,078	3,682,835
Paediatrics	41	15,293,452	1,040,139	3,261,290	19,594,880
HM Prison Medical/dental	37	44,406	44,797	119,207	208,410
Geriatric Medicine	36	458,245	108,787	499,256	1,066,288
Oncology	24	845,803	162,833	788,144	1,796,779
Gastroenterology	22	834,152	104,300	745,010	1,683,461
Haematology	21	4,858,752	380,640	1,606,582	6,845,973
General Practice	20	670,098	78,691	504,089	1,252,878
Renal Medicine	19	486,850	56,812	382,030	925,692
Ophthalmology	19	405,962	21,305	202,176	629,443
Gynaecology	19	1,301,195	137,921	769,729	2,208,845
Neurology	17	1,395,092	194,173	773,476	2,362,742
Neurosurgery	16	5,908,598	467,163	1,811,910	8,187,671
Urology	15	742,923	136,956	568,120	1,447,999
Respiratory Medicine/ Thoracic Medic	15	913,963	70,776	351,837	1,336,575
Dermatology	13	271,161	78,777	200,948	550,886
Community Medicine/ Public Health	10	70,891	5,436	71,006	147,334
Intensive Care Medicine	9	347,750	48,312	297,831	693,893
District Nursing	9	35,627	11,783	48,358	95,768
Surgical Speciality - Other	9	472,725	18,022	227,807	718,554
Cardio Surgery	9	803,838	128,860	310,800	1,243,498
Endocrinology	9	313,250	27,984	179,763	520,997
Other	8	230,234	39,488	139,801	409,523
Comm Mental Servs	8	81,550	36,251	227,800	345,601
Vascular Surgery	6	283,500	76,418	309,675	669,593
Microbiology/ Virology	6	2,839,979	200,067	886,679	3,926,725
Otorhinolaryngology/ ENT	5	669,052	29,199	178,000	876,251
Rheumatology	#	#	#	#	#
Plastic Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
Oral & Maxillo Facial Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
Genito-Urinary Medicine	#	#	#	#	#
Radiology	#	#	#	#	#
Ambulance	#	#	#	#	#
Physiotherapy	#	#	#	#	#
Paediatric Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
Non-Clinical Staff	#	#	#	#	#
Psychology	#	#	#	#	#
Dentistry	#	#	#	#	#
Rehabilitation	#	#	#	#	#
Infectious Diseases	#	#	#	#	#
Unknown	#	#	#	#	#
Not Specified	#	#	#	#	#
Miscellaneous	#	#	#	#	#
Chemical Pathology/ Biochemistry	#	#	#	#	#
Grand Total	1,149	75,915,782	7,969,370	35,468,300	119,353,451