



## Resolution

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The following information was requested on 13 February 2019:

*I would like to know the amount awarded in successful claims for cases where foreign objects were left behind inside a patient following surgery in the past five years.*

*Can NHS Resolution provide the amount in pounds sterling awarded in such successful cases in the years since 2013?*

*Can NHS Resolution also provide the numbers of patients to which the figures relate for each year?*

### **Our Response**

Please find attached the requested information.

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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Water Lane  
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**NB: Number of claims fewer than 5 (and any associated values, within the same row) are masked with a "#" (in accordance with Data Protection guidelines). Accordingly, some total values may also be approximated to prevent masked values to be deduced through reverse calculation.**

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Closed_Settled	Y
Clinical_NonClinical	(All)
Claim_Outcome_FOI	Damages Paid

Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)	No_of_Claims	Damages Paid	Defence Costs Paid	Claimant Costs Paid	Total Paid
2013/14	144	3,099,112	323,857	2,364,583	5,787,552
2014/15	115	1,613,920	187,625	1,791,443	3,592,988
2015/16	126	2,076,136	331,486	2,756,643	5,164,266
2016/17	144	2,080,438	580,826	2,797,832	5,459,096
2017/18	139	2,587,368	417,259	2,368,984	5,373,611
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>668</b>	<b>11,456,974</b>	<b>1,841,053</b>	<b>12,079,485</b>	<b>25,377,513</b>