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The following information was requested on 8 November 2019:

We are looking to review the number of cases of complaints/litigation under speciality vascular surgery per year from 2007-2019 by incident date

We would be interested in:

- 2. The condition or procedure related to the complaint*
- 3. What the injury, cause code is per case*
- 4. How many cases were settled/closed/proceeded to legal action*
- 5. Defence costs, damages and claimant costs*

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: Number of Claims received for incidents between financial years 2006/07 to 2018/19, for claims where the specialty was 'Vascular Surgery'

Notifications	Y
Clinical_NonClinical	(All)
Scheme	(All)

Incident Year	No. of Claims
2006/07	54
2007/08	71
2008/09	98
2009/10	85
2010/11	121
2011/12	111
2012/13	125
2013/14	114
2014/15	124
2015/16	134
2016/17	88
2017/18	44
2018/19	20
Grand Total	1,189

Table 2: Number and Cost of Claims Closed/Settled with damages paid for incidents between financial years 2006/07 to 2017/18, for claims where the specialty was 'Vascular Surgery'

Closed_Settled	Y
Clinical_NonClinical	(All)
Claim_Outcome_FOI	Damages Paid

Incident Year	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
2006/07	31	5,122,102	572,096	1,897,144	7,591,341
2007/08	47	6,164,327	836,998	2,675,587	9,676,912
2008/09	72	14,363,379	1,388,624	5,637,190	21,389,194
2009/10	60	7,496,483	1,061,763	4,446,902	13,005,148
2010/11	83	17,255,938	2,234,346	9,256,977	28,747,261
2011/12	65	4,839,633	1,103,528	4,055,918	9,999,079
2012/13	63	9,180,472	1,123,003	5,298,629	15,602,103
2013/14	51	5,821,826	553,795	1,885,006	8,260,627
2014/15	37	2,064,453	347,715	1,329,885	3,742,053
2015/16	23	1,037,658	124,810	426,298	1,588,766
2016/17	10	77,211	21,024	88,375	186,610
2017/18	5	347,000	14,883	33,500	395,383
Grand Total	547	73,770,483	9,382,584	37,031,410	120,184,477

Table 3: Number of Claims Closed without damages paid for incidents between financial years 2006/07 to 2018/19, for claims where the specialty was 'Vascular Surgery'

Closed_Settled	Y
Clinical_NonClinical	(All)
Claim_Outcome_FOI	NIL Damages

Incident Year	No. of Claims	Damages Paid
2006/07	21	0
2007/08	22	0
2008/09	23	0
2009/10	24	0
2010/11	31	0
2011/12	32	0
2012/13	45	0
2013/14	36	0
2014/15	32	0
2015/16	33	0
2016/17	22	0
2017/18	7	0
2018/19	6	0
Grand Total	334	0

Table 4: Analysis of Primary Injuries for Claims Closed/Settled with damages paid for incidents between financial years 2006/07 to 2017/18, for claims where the speciality was 'Vascular Surgery'

Closed_Settled	Y
Clinical_NonClinical	(All)
Claim_Outcome_FOI	Damages Paid

Incident Year----- Primary Injury Types	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
2006/07	31	5,122,102	572,096	1,897,144	7,591,341
Fatality	7	392,000	62,465	210,454	664,919
Unnecessary Pain	#	#	#	#	#
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	#	#	#	#	#
Amputation - Lower	5	2,276,828	220,628	620,990	3,118,446
Foot Drop	#	#	#	#	#
Nerve Damage	5	303,500	58,098	294,150	655,748
Stroke	#	#	#	#	#
Amputation - Upper	#	#	#	#	#
Renal Damage/ Failure	#	#	#	#	#
Bruising/ Extravasation	#	#	#	#	#
2007/08	47	6,164,327	836,998	2,675,587	9,676,912
Fatality	9	558,391	81,797	384,500	1,024,688
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	#	#	#	#	#
Brain Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Unnecessary Pain	5	436,560	124,299	367,401	928,259
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	6	141,573	18,600	108,278	268,451
Amputation - Lower	12	3,706,682	439,286	1,151,754	5,297,722
Foot Drop	#	#	#	#	#
Nerve Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Thrombosis/Embolism	#	#	#	#	#
Cardiac Arrest	#	#	#	#	#
Pressure Sores	#	#	#	#	#
Hospital Acquired Infection	#	#	#	#	#
Cosmetic Disfigurement	#	#	#	#	#
Compartment Syndrome	#	#	#	#	#
2008/09	72	14,363,379	1,388,624	5,637,190	21,389,194
Fatality	9	316,215	84,384	396,725	797,324
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	#	#	#	#	#
Unnecessary Pain	#	#	#	#	#
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	6	511,016	40,620	248,150	799,786
Amputation - Lower	29	11,634,538	967,162	3,806,242	16,407,942
Foot Drop	#	#	#	#	#
Nerve Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Thrombosis/Embolism	#	#	#	#	#
Paraplegia	#	#	#	#	#
Arterial Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Partial Paralysis	#	#	#	#	#
Renal Damage/ Failure	#	#	#	#	#
Bruising/ Extravasation	#	#	#	#	#
Pressure Sores	#	#	#	#	#
Hospital Acquired Infection	#	#	#	#	#
Aneurysm	#	#	#	#	#
Loss Of Sexual Function	#	#	#	#	#
Vocal Cord Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Joint Damage	#	#	#	#	#
2009/10	60	7,496,483	1,061,763	4,446,902	13,005,148
Fatality	6	364,000	29,977	182,270	576,247
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	#	#	#	#	#
Unnecessary Pain	9	509,370	81,466	212,845	803,681
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	#	#	#	#	#
Amputation - Lower	13	2,503,610	417,284	1,496,922	4,417,816
Foot Drop	#	#	#	#	#
Nerve Damage	5	726,118	139,725	608,439	1,474,281
Stroke	#	#	#	#	#
Thrombosis/Embolism	#	#	#	#	#
Paraplegia	#	#	#	#	#
Amputation - Upper	#	#	#	#	#
Arterial Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Partial Paralysis	#	#	#	#	#
Not Specified	#	#	#	#	#
Fracture	#	#	#	#	#
Pressure Sores	#	#	#	#	#
Aneurysm	#	#	#	#	#
Cardiovascular Condition	#	#	#	#	#

Table 4: Analysis of Primary Injuries for Claims Closed/Settled with damages paid for incidents between financial years 2006/07 to 2017/18, for claims where the speciality was 'Vascular Surgery'

Closed_Settled	Y
Clinical_NonClinical	(All)
Claim_Outcome_FOI	Damages Paid

Incident Year----- Primary Injury Types	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
Joint Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Peritonitis	#	#	#	#	#
Partial Hearing Loss	#	#	#	#	#
2010/11	83	17,255,938	2,234,346	9,256,977	28,747,261
Fatality	#	#	#	#	#
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	#	#	#	#	#
Unnecessary Pain	8	127,481	62,035	299,600	489,116
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	5	45,724	19,289	134,100	199,114
Amputation - Lower	26	10,966,962	1,251,814	4,716,784	16,935,560
Nerve Damage	5	1,090,284	184,978	1,029,153	2,304,415
Stroke	#	#	#	#	#
Thrombosis/Embolism	6	298,000	111,002	578,825	987,827
Paraplegia	#	#	#	#	#
Amputation - Upper	#	#	#	#	#
Arterial Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Partial Paralysis	#	#	#	#	#
Scarring	#	#	#	#	#
Fracture	#	#	#	#	#
Renal Damage/ Failure	#	#	#	#	#
Bruising/ Extravasation	#	#	#	#	#
Tissue Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Poor Outcome - Fractures Etc.	#	#	#	#	#
Pressure Sores	#	#	#	#	#
Aneurysm	#	#	#	#	#
Cardiovascular Condition	#	#	#	#	#
Joint Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Compartment Syndrome	#	#	#	#	#
Anal Fissure	#	#	#	#	#
2011/12	65	4,839,633	1,103,528	4,055,918	9,999,079
Fatality	8	666,000	137,034	676,969	1,480,003
Psychiatric/Psychological Dmge	#	#	#	#	#
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	#	#	#	#	#
Unnecessary Pain	10	81,793	49,483	278,224	409,500
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	#	#	#	#	#
Amputation - Lower	20	2,656,315	554,237	1,654,386	4,864,938
Nerve Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Stroke	#	#	#	#	#
Thrombosis/Embolism	6	265,500	71,875	372,180	709,555
Arterial Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Burn(s)	#	#	#	#	#
Partial Paralysis	#	#	#	#	#
Not Specified	#	#	#	#	#
Fracture	#	#	#	#	#
Renal Damage/ Failure	#	#	#	#	#
Pressure Sores	#	#	#	#	#
Aneurysm	#	#	#	#	#
2012/13	63	9,180,472	1,123,003	5,298,629	15,602,103
Fatality	8	337,950	68,745	347,000	753,695
Bowel Damage/ Dysfunction	#	#	#	#	#
Unnecessary Pain	#	#	#	#	#
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	9	255,292	114,359	568,996	938,647
Amputation - Lower	18	4,667,792	467,817	2,228,257	7,363,865
Foot Drop	#	#	#	#	#
Nerve Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Stroke	#	#	#	#	#
Paraplegia	#	#	#	#	#
Amputation - Upper	#	#	#	#	#
Other	#	#	#	#	#
Renal Damage/ Failure	#	#	#	#	#
Bruising/ Extravasation	#	#	#	#	#
Tissue Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Pressure Sores	#	#	#	#	#
Aneurysm	#	#	#	#	#
Joint Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Compartment Syndrome	#	#	#	#	#

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Closed_Settled	Y
Clinical_NonClinical	(All)
Claim_Outcome_FOI	Damages Paid

Incident Year----- Primary Injury Types	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
	#	#	#	#	#
Rupture	51	5,821,826	553,795	1,885,006	8,260,627
2013/14	6	224,400	42,788	155,061	422,249
Fatality	#	#	#	#	#
Bladder Damage	5	18,159	6,550	65,700	90,409
Unnecessary Pain	6	111,000	11,952	91,200	214,152
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	8	3,187,547	219,634	667,800	4,074,981
Amputation - Lower	6	156,500	56,446	232,175	445,121
Nerve Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Stroke	#	#	#	#	#
Thrombosis/Embolism	#	#	#	#	#
Amputation - Upper	#	#	#	#	#
Scarring	#	#	#	#	#
Renal Damage/ Failure	#	#	#	#	#
Bruising/ Extravasation	#	#	#	#	#
Tissue Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Pressure Sores	#	#	#	#	#
Aneurysm	#	#	#	#	#
Perforation	#	#	#	#	#
Compartment Syndrome	#	#	#	#	#
Respiratory Disorder/ Failure	#	#	#	#	#
2014/15	37	2,064,453	347,715	1,329,885	3,742,053
Fatality	5	161,800	14,417	89,430	265,647
Unnecessary Pain	#	#	#	#	#
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	#	#	#	#	#
Amputation - Lower	9	944,859	149,405	580,970	1,675,234
Nerve Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Stroke	#	#	#	#	#
Other Infection	#	#	#	#	#
Thrombosis/Embolism	#	#	#	#	#
Amputation - Upper	#	#	#	#	#
Arterial Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Burn(s)	#	#	#	#	#
Other	#	#	#	#	#
Poor Outcome - Fractures Etc.	#	#	#	#	#
Pressure Sores	#	#	#	#	#
Cosmetic Disfigurement	#	#	#	#	#
Other Visual Problems	#	#	#	#	#
2015/16	23	1,037,658	124,810	426,298	1,588,766
Fatality	5	307,391	43,228	117,565	468,184
Unnecessary Pain	#	#	#	#	#
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	#	#	#	#	#
Amputation - Lower	#	#	#	#	#
Nerve Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Stroke	#	#	#	#	#
Amputation - Upper	#	#	#	#	#
Arterial Damage	#	#	#	#	#
Cardiac Arrest	#	#	#	#	#
Pressure Sores	#	#	#	#	#
Rupture	#	#	#	#	#
2016/17	10	77,211	21,024	88,375	186,610
Fatality	#	#	#	#	#
Unnecessary Pain	#	#	#	#	#
Adtnl/unnecessary Operation(s)	#	#	#	#	#
Amputation - Lower	#	#	#	#	#
Burn(s)	#	#	#	#	#
2017/18	5	347,000	14,883	33,500	395,383
Unnecessary Pain	#	#	#	#	#
Amputation - Lower	#	#	#	#	#
Burn(s)	#	#	#	#	#
Not Specified	#	#	#	#	#
Cardiac Arrest	#	#	#	#	#
Grand Total	547	73,770,483	9,382,584	37,031,410	120,184,477

Table 5: Analysis of Primary Causes for Claims Closed/Settled with damages paid for incidents between financial years 2006/07 to 2017/18, for claims where the specialty was 'Vascular Surgery'

Closed_Settled	Y
Clinical_NonClinical	(All)
Claim_Outcome_FOI	Damages Paid

Incident Year----- Primary Causes	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
2006/07	31	5,122,102	572,096	1,897,144	7,591,341
Fail / Delay Treatment	9	742,250	130,992	295,675	1,168,917
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Supervise	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	#	#	#	#	#
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	5	2,874,411	233,733	773,976	3,882,121
Inadequate Monitoring Intra-Op	#	#	#	#	#
Inadequate Nursing Care	#	#	#	#	#
Inappropriate Treatment	#	#	#	#	#
Intra-Op Problems	#	#	#	#	#
Delay In Performing Operation	#	#	#	#	#
Foreign Body Left In Situ	#	#	#	#	#
Wrong Diagnosis	#	#	#	#	#
Err With Agnt/Dose/Route/Selec	#	#	#	#	#
2007/08	47	6,164,327	836,998	2,675,587	9,676,912
Fail / Delay Treatment	11	1,689,439	111,420	357,679	2,158,538
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	#	#	#	#	#
Failure To Perform Operation	#	#	#	#	#
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	10	1,729,715	219,051	853,401	2,802,167
Inadequate Nursing Care	#	#	#	#	#
Inappropriate Treatment	#	#	#	#	#
Intra-Op Problems	7	1,145,564	193,388	475,000	1,813,953
Operator Error	#	#	#	#	#
Lack Of Pre-Op Evaluation	#	#	#	#	#
Retained Instrument Post-Operation	#	#	#	#	#
Failed Infection Control Policy/Hospital Hygiene	#	#	#	#	#
Medication Errors	#	#	#	#	#
Err With Agnt/Dose/Route/Selec	#	#	#	#	#
Cross Infection	#	#	#	#	#
2008/09	72	14,363,379	1,388,624	5,637,190	21,389,194
Equipment Malfunction	#	#	#	#	#
Fail / Delay Treatment	17	1,644,214	272,128	1,336,225	3,252,568
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	8	1,510,315	107,937	330,280	1,948,531
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	#	#	#	#	#
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	13	6,240,358	430,363	1,983,250	8,653,971
Inadequate Nursing Care	#	#	#	#	#
Inappropriate Treatment	7	2,105,720	200,942	474,328	2,780,990
Intra-Op Problems	7	293,716	155,327	420,370	869,413
Delay In Performing Operation	#	#	#	#	#
Operator Error	#	#	#	#	#
Fail/Delay Referring To Hosp.	#	#	#	#	#
Failed Infection Control Policy/Hospital Hygiene	#	#	#	#	#
Medication Errors	#	#	#	#	#
Err With Agnt/Dose/Route/Selec	#	#	#	#	#
Inappropriate Discharge	#	#	#	#	#
Incorrect Injection Site	#	#	#	#	#
2009/10	60	7,496,483	1,061,763	4,446,902	13,005,148
Fail / Delay Treatment	11	1,114,132	236,092	701,057	2,051,281
Fail To Carry Out PO Observs.	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	6	950,500	92,992	527,047	1,570,539
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	5	566,915	111,036	275,400	953,351
Failure To Perform Operation	#	#	#	#	#
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	9	1,973,402	261,479	1,015,384	3,250,265
Inadequate Nursing Care	#	#	#	#	#
Inappropriate Treatment	6	1,034,218	44,402	339,819	1,418,438

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Closed_Settled	Y
Clinical_NonClinical	(All)
Claim_Outcome_FOI	Damages Paid

Incident Year----- Primary Causes	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
Intra-Op Problems	6	534,058	117,255	578,850	1,230,162
Other	#	#	#	#	#
Delay In Performing Operation	#	#	#	#	#
Foreign Body Left In Situ	#	#	#	#	#
Inapprop. Case Selection	#	#	#	#	#
Wrong Diagnosis	#	#	#	#	#
Fail/Delay Referring To Hosp.	#	#	#	#	#
Medication Errors	#	#	#	#	#
Failure To Perform Tests	#	#	#	#	#
2010/11	83	17,255,938	2,234,346	9,256,977	28,747,261
Equipment Malfunction	#	#	#	#	#
Fail / Delay Treatment	22	8,972,948	863,068	3,645,669	13,481,684
Fail To Carry Out PO Observs.	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	5	560,366	145,479	426,850	1,132,695
Failure To Perform Operation	#	#	#	#	#
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	10	927,443	232,254	729,611	1,889,307
Inadequate Monitoring Intra-Op	#	#	#	#	#
Inadequate Nursing Care	#	#	#	#	#
Inappropriate Treatment	8	379,835	118,703	762,215	1,260,753
Intra-Op Problems	#	#	#	#	#
Lack Of Assistance/Care	#	#	#	#	#
Lack Of Facilities/Equipment	#	#	#	#	#
Delay In Performing Operation	7	2,271,494	336,367	1,156,835	3,764,696
Operator Error	#	#	#	#	#
Fail/Delay Admitting To Hosp.	#	#	#	#	#
Foreign Body Left In Situ	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	#	#	#	#	#
Fail/Delay Referring To Hosp.	#	#	#	#	#
Medication Errors	#	#	#	#	#
Err With Agnt/Dose/Route/Selec	#	#	#	#	#
Failure To Perform Tests	#	#	#	#	#
Cross Infection	#	#	#	#	#
2011/12	65	4,839,633	1,103,528	4,055,918	9,999,079
Fail / Delay Treatment	20	1,299,743	348,101	1,237,830	2,885,674
Fail To Carry Out PO Observs.	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	#	#	#	#	#
Failure To Perform Operation	#	#	#	#	#
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	8	1,513,425	207,609	853,085	2,574,119
Inadequate Nursing Care	#	#	#	#	#
Inappropriate Treatment	#	#	#	#	#
Intra-Op Problems	#	#	#	#	#
Delay In Performing Operation	#	#	#	#	#
Operator Error	#	#	#	#	#
Foreign Body Left In Situ	#	#	#	#	#
Retained Instrument Post-Operation	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	#	#	#	#	#
Wrong Diagnosis	#	#	#	#	#
Fail/Delay Referring To Hosp.	#	#	#	#	#
Err With Agnt/Dose/Route/Selec	#	#	#	#	#
Diathermy Burns/react. To Prep	#	#	#	#	#
Failure To Perform Tests	#	#	#	#	#
Unexpected Death	#	#	#	#	#
2012/13	63	9,180,472	1,123,003	5,298,629	15,602,103
Fail / Delay Treatment	17	1,616,436	303,955	1,108,462	3,028,853
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	#	#	#	#	#

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Closed_Settled	Y
Clinical_NonClinical	(All)
Claim_Outcome_FOI	Damages Paid

Incident Year----- Primary Causes	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	#	#	#	#	#
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	6	2,298,881	203,861	1,009,258	3,512,000
Inadequate Nursing Care	#	#	#	#	#
Inappropriate Treatment	#	#	#	#	#
Intra-Op Problems	6	442,350	40,452	171,535	654,337
Other	#	#	#	#	#
Delay In Performing Operation	5	3,343,450	208,083	891,044	4,442,577
Operator Error	5	222,115	84,552	549,000	855,667
Fail/Delay Admitting To Hosp.	#	#	#	#	#
Foreign Body Left In Situ	#	#	#	#	#
Application Of Excess Force	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	#	#	#	#	#
Medication Errors	#	#	#	#	#
Perform. Of Op. Not Indicated	#	#	#	#	#
Failure To Perform Tests	#	#	#	#	#
Wrong Site Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
2013/14	51	5,821,826	553,795	1,885,006	8,260,627
Fail / Delay Treatment	17	2,044,304	254,647	681,341	2,980,292
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	#	#	#	#	#
Failure To Perform Operation	#	#	#	#	#
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	#	#	#	#	#
Inadequate Nursing Care	#	#	#	#	#
Inappropriate Treatment	#	#	#	#	#
Intra-Op Problems	5	412,243	60,164	224,750	697,157
Delay In Performing Operation	#	#	#	#	#
Operator Error	#	#	#	#	#
Foreign Body Left In Situ	#	#	#	#	#
Retained Instrument Post-Operation	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	#	#	#	#	#
Inappropriate Discharge	#	#	#	#	#
Re-Canalisation	#	#	#	#	#
2014/15	37	2,064,453	347,715	1,329,885	3,742,053
Equipment Malfunction	#	#	#	#	#
Fail / Delay Treatment	16	1,048,703	179,164	712,785	1,940,652
Fail To Follow-Up Arrangements	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	#	#	#	#	#
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	#	#	#	#	#
Inadequate Nursing Care	#	#	#	#	#
Inappropriate Treatment	#	#	#	#	#
Intra-Op Problems	#	#	#	#	#
Operator Error	#	#	#	#	#
Perform. Of Op. Not Indicated	#	#	#	#	#
Diathermy Burns/react. To Prep	#	#	#	#	#
Failure To Perform Tests	#	#	#	#	#
Inappropriate Discharge	#	#	#	#	#
Wrong Site Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
Re-Canalisation	#	#	#	#	#
2015/16	23	1,037,658	124,810	426,298	1,588,766
Fail / Delay Treatment	5	194,641	13,576	68,572	276,789
Fail To Recog. Complication Of	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Warn-Informed Consent	#	#	#	#	#
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	#	#	#	#	#
Inadequate Nursing Care	#	#	#	#	#
Inappropriate Treatment	#	#	#	#	#
Delay In Performing Operation	#	#	#	#	#

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Foreign Body Left In Situ	#	#	#	#	#
Inapprop. Case Selection	#	#	#	#	#
Failure To Perform Tests	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Infrm Test Rslts	#	#	#	#	#
Wrong Site Surgery	#	#	#	#	#
Problem Blood Fluids	#	#	#	#	#
2016/17	10	77,211	21,024	88,375	186,610
Fail / Delay Treatment	#	#	#	#	#
Failure/Delay Diagnosis	#	#	#	#	#
Inadequate Nursing Care	#	#	#	#	#
Inappropriate Treatment	#	#	#	#	#
Operator Error	#	#	#	#	#
Foreign Body Left In Situ	#	#	#	#	#
Medication Errors	#	#	#	#	#
Diathermy Burns/react. To Prep	#	#	#	#	#
Inappropriate Discharge	#	#	#	#	#
2017/18	5	347,000	14,883	33,500	395,383
Delay In Performing Operation	#	#	#	#	#
Foreign Body Left In Situ	#	#	#	#	#
Fail To Act On Abnorm Test Res	#	#	#	#	#
Medication Errors	#	#	#	#	#
Diathermy Burns/react. To Prep	#	#	#	#	#
Grand Total	547	73,770,483	9,382,584	37,031,410	120,184,477