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The following information was requested on 27 July 2020:

The following requests are made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The requests are made in tabular form for ease and I should be grateful if your responses would, where figures are provided, be in the same tabular form.

In respect of each of the NHSR accounting year 19/20, in respect of all clinical scheme for GPs please provide:

	19/20
1. The number of clinical negligence claims received during the year	
2. The number of clinical negligence claims closed during the year	
3. The number of clinical negligence claims closed before the issue of proceedings with no payment of damages.	
4. The number of clinical negligence claims closed before the issue of proceedings with payment of damages	
5. In respect of the claims identified in 4, please state: a) the total damages paid; b) the total Claimant costs; and c) the total Defendant costs	
6. In respect of the claims identified in 4, please state: a) the number of claims where the damages did not exceed £25,000 and in respect of those cases: b) the total damages paid; c) the total Claimant costs; and d) the total Defendant costs	
7. The number of clinical negligence claims closed after the issue of proceedings with no payment of damages.	
8. The number of clinical negligence claims closed after the issue of proceedings with payment of damages	
9. In respect of the claims identified in 8, please state: a) the total damages paid; b) the total Claimant costs; and c) the total Defendant costs	
10. In respect of the claims identified in 8, please state: a) the number of claims where the damages did not exceed £25,000 and in respect of those cases: b) the total damages paid; c) the total Claimant costs; and d) the total Defendant 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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	19/20
1. The number of clinical negligence claims received during the year	401
2. The number of clinical negligence claims closed during the year	208
3. The number of clinical negligence claims closed before the issue of proceedings with no payment of damages.	201
4. The number of clinical negligence claims closed before the issue of proceedings with payment of damages	#
5. In respect of the claims identified in 4, please state:	
a) the total damages paid;	#
b) the total Claimant costs; and	#
c) the total Defendant costs	#
6. In respect of the claims identified in 4, please state:	
a) the number of claims where the damages did not exceed £25,000 and in respect of those cases:	#
b) the total damages paid;	#
c) the total Claimant costs; and	#
d) the total Defendant costs	#
7. The number of clinical negligence claims closed after the issue of proceedings with no payment of damages.	#
8. The number of clinical negligence claims closed after the issue of proceedings with payment of damages	#

9. In respect of the claims identified in 8, please state:	
a) the total damages paid;	#
b) the total Claimant costs; and	#
c) the total Defendant costs	#
10. In respect of the claims identified in 8, please state:	
a) the number of claims where the damages did not exceed £25,000 and in respect of those cases:	#
b) the total damages paid;	#
c) the total Claimant costs; and	#
d) the total Defendant costs	#