



## Resolution

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The following information was requested on 28 August 2020:

*In the 2019-2020 financial year please state which ten legal firms received the most money from the NHSLA in relation to claimant costs for the clinical negligence scheme (CNST)? For each of the ten firms please state how much money they received in relation to claimant costs for the clinical negligence scheme (CNST) in the financial year? For each firm also please state how many claims this represents, and the damages that were paid in these cases.*

### **Our Response**

Please find attached the requested information. Please note the data relates to closed cases. The paid damages values include retained lump sums on claims settled on a periodical payment basis and any periodical payments paid at the time of reporting.

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.

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| Claimant Solicitor                                   | No. of Claims | Claimant Costs Paid | Damages Paid       |
|--|---------------|---------------------|--------------------|
| Irwin Mitchell Solicitors                            | 1,879         | 41,569,166          | 167,016,196        |
| Fletchers Solicitors - Southport                     | 1,712         | 17,080,036          | 27,732,312         |
| Leigh Day Solicitors                                 | 422           | 10,618,885          | 48,357,212         |
| Stewarts Law LLP Solicitors - London                 | 164           | 8,749,231           | 29,129,402         |
| JMW Solicitors                                       | 372           | 7,338,894           | 39,593,150         |
| Fieldfisher Solicitors                               | 172           | 6,814,200           | 45,100,191         |
| Slater & Gordon (UK) Limited Solicitors - Manchester | 206           | 6,185,527           | 18,893,407         |
| Bolt Burdon Kemp Solicitors                          | 122           | 6,165,946           | 14,993,469         |
| Pryers Solicitors LLP                                | 362           | 5,957,152           | 7,247,400          |
| Gadsby Wicks Solicitors                              | 194           | 5,937,719           | 19,586,296         |
| <b>Grand Total</b>                                   | <b>5,605</b>  | <b>116,416,757</b>  | <b>417,649,035</b> |