



# Resolution

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The following information was requested on 22 September 2020:

*1. For the financial years:*

2015-2016  
2016-2017  
2017-2018  
2018-2019  
2019-2020

*Please state which 20 legal firms received the most money from the NHSLA in relation to claimant costs for the clinical negligence scheme (CNST)? For each of the 20 firms please state how much money they received in relation to claimant costs for the clinical negligence scheme (CNST) in each financial year? For each firm also please state how many claims this represents, and the damages that were paid in these cases.*

*2. In total how much money was paid in legal costs in each of these years and how this was divided between NHSLA legal costs and claimants' legal costs?*

*Ideally please provide the data tables in the pdf link below, for years 2015/16 to 2019/20, and for the top 20 law firms instead of top 10.*

[https://resolution.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/FOI\\_4006\\_Top-10-legal-firms-with-most-claim-value.pdf](https://resolution.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/FOI_4006_Top-10-legal-firms-with-most-claim-value.pdf)

## **Our Response**

Please find attached the NHS Resolution's response to your request.

Q1 - Table 1: Number of Claims and Costs for Top 20 Claimant Solicitors Firms in financial years 2015/16 - 2019/20

Q2 – This information is available on our website here:- [https://resolution.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/NHSR-Annual-Reports-Stats-2019\\_20-Rev1.1.xlsx](https://resolution.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/NHSR-Annual-Reports-Stats-2019_20-Rev1.1.xlsx) - Here Sheet 1 has breakdown of clinical claims, and sheets 7 to 12 shows clinical payments breakdown.

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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Clinical_NonClinical Scheme	Clinical CNST
Claim_Outcome_FOI	All

Year of Closure (Settlement Year for PPOs)	No of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs	Claimant Legal Costs	Total Paid
<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2,221</b>	<b>337,665,360</b>	<b>32,678,924</b>	<b>139,980,922</b>	<b>510,325,205</b>
Irwin Mitchell	572	107,444,256	9,801,127	41,425,074	158,670,456
Slater & Gordon	262	30,860,733	2,953,940	14,206,284	48,020,957
Leigh Day	158	18,565,936	2,151,064	7,896,504	28,613,504
Shoosmiths Access Legal	116	11,974,902	1,707,189	7,253,610	20,935,701
Simpson Millar	174	7,960,286	1,655,987	6,596,768	16,213,040
Field Fisher Waterhouse	36	23,786,828	1,480,346	6,210,822	31,477,995
Pryers	106	8,576,773	930,633	5,314,755	14,822,160
Thompsons	189	8,023,488	1,341,914	5,109,978	14,475,380
Foot Anstey	71	12,281,052	1,115,159	4,827,321	18,223,532
Stewarts Law	20	7,195,484	674,894	4,242,199	12,112,577
Penningtons Manches	57	10,911,415	872,915	4,223,317	16,007,647
Kingsley Napley	26	13,619,432	1,083,363	4,074,950	18,777,744
McMillan Williams	38	11,801,585	719,655	4,027,111	16,548,351
JMW	63	14,818,221	1,042,235	3,861,152	19,721,608
Bridge McFarland	66	7,134,759	784,427	3,561,941	11,481,127
Linder Myers	62	11,725,784	882,641	3,531,556	16,139,981
Thomson Snell & Passmore	49	9,750,694	1,125,495	3,476,316	14,352,505
Stephensons	63	5,147,280	928,437	3,417,352	9,493,068
Hodge Jones & Allen	63	7,609,965	733,059	3,416,419	11,759,442
Davies & Partners	30	8,476,487	694,444	3,307,496	12,478,427
<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2,581</b>	<b>391,463,303</b>	<b>38,408,837</b>	<b>166,737,559</b>	<b>596,609,700</b>
Irwin Mitchell	615	166,184,601	12,997,378	47,086,911	226,268,890
Slater & Gordon	325	30,288,516	3,850,108	16,239,975	50,378,599
Stewarts Law	42	22,167,111	1,839,741	11,451,870	35,458,722
Leigh Day	144	18,598,995	2,364,797	11,268,233	32,232,025
Shoosmiths Access Legal	132	11,309,711	1,468,397	8,608,410	21,386,518
Pryers	120	7,658,597	1,390,888	6,751,997	15,801,482
Heptonstalls	52	6,198,170	1,175,447	5,798,829	13,172,445
Enable Law	15	13,966,119	1,073,881	5,740,850	20,780,850
Field Fisher Waterhouse	36	15,451,991	1,001,796	5,161,663	21,615,450
Kingsley Napley	30	15,248,908	968,341	5,017,182	21,234,431

Thompsons	200	6,633,714	1,483,223	4,930,629	13,047,567
Simpson Millar	111	8,166,629	1,148,934	4,903,880	14,219,444
JMW	77	13,382,868	1,244,051	4,690,151	19,317,070
Bridge McFarland	88	7,348,471	1,161,450	4,454,182	12,964,103
Gadsby Wicks	40	2,808,482	512,435	4,426,579	7,747,496
McMillan Williams	40	15,423,367	905,094	4,272,498	20,600,959
Fletchers	353	2,108,624	734,124	4,272,040	7,114,788
Stephensons	79	5,605,410	1,313,404	4,010,259	10,929,073
Hodge Jones & Allen	48	20,346,688	1,089,681	3,985,046	25,421,415
Michelmores	34	2,566,332	685,665	3,666,375	6,918,372
<b>2017/18</b>	<b>3,195</b>	<b>543,694,982</b>	<b>44,304,539</b>	<b>186,028,774</b>	<b>774,028,295</b>
Irwin Mitchell	635	189,915,396	13,653,814	53,839,064	257,408,274
Slater & Gordon	378	49,826,094	4,659,457	20,981,608	75,467,160
Stewarts Law	37	23,957,763	1,963,756	12,250,394	38,171,913
Leigh Day	140	36,435,628	2,888,724	10,663,604	49,987,957
Shoosmiths Access Legal	115	9,027,050	1,561,751	7,757,609	18,346,410
JMW	109	37,994,814	2,418,992	7,544,629	47,958,436
Enable Law	170	24,466,181	1,724,982	6,511,735	32,702,899
Fletchers	365	7,479,759	995,888	6,176,183	14,651,831
Simpson Millar	146	12,217,677	1,658,960	5,986,180	19,862,817
Field Fisher Waterhouse	25	35,304,624	1,514,268	5,761,082	42,579,974
Penningtons Manches	61	20,272,981	1,127,628	5,631,852	27,032,461
Thompsons	459	13,539,336	1,957,713	5,405,985	20,903,035
Pryers	144	7,844,562	1,180,510	5,145,929	14,171,001
Gadsby Wicks	59	4,535,976	817,620	5,046,196	10,399,792
Atherton Godfrey	55	4,385,947	969,888	4,870,622	10,226,456
Burnetts	32	21,663,875	1,317,208	4,824,278	27,805,361
Bridge McFarland	79	6,810,975	1,107,594	4,667,754	12,586,323
Royds Withy King	81	11,064,471	1,013,399	4,452,749	16,530,619
Switalskis	82	13,666,785	1,074,846	4,449,257	19,190,888
Kingsley Napley	23	13,285,086	697,540	4,062,063	18,044,690
<b>2018/19</b>	<b>3,126</b>	<b>713,470,774</b>	<b>48,865,164</b>	<b>190,436,791</b>	<b>952,772,730</b>
Irwin Mitchell	659	246,954,348	14,573,237	53,542,638	315,070,223
Slater & Gordon	346	84,816,402	6,143,996	21,586,704	112,547,101
Stewarts Law	42	27,788,656	2,212,249	12,818,834	42,819,739
Fletchers	685	14,444,360	2,597,296	12,658,597	29,700,253
Leigh Day	106	40,779,787	2,876,070	11,164,044	54,819,900
JMW	104	46,925,118	2,304,598	7,270,779	56,500,496
Shoosmiths Access Legal	97	25,902,226	2,177,707	7,217,746	35,297,679
Enable Law	82	11,665,764	1,660,969	6,747,142	20,073,875
Field Fisher Waterhouse	24	44,629,286	1,505,093	5,791,742	51,926,120
Gadsby Wicks	66	10,810,244	1,025,379	5,729,582	17,565,204
Royds Withy King	81	9,946,187	1,277,852	5,467,507	16,691,547
Penningtons Manches	80	14,301,722	1,250,187	5,376,094	20,928,003
Hodge Jones & Allen	64	28,376,023	1,445,634	5,107,708	34,929,365
Bolt Burdon Kemp	43	12,241,321	851,500	4,858,634	17,951,455
Thompsons	259	10,010,702	1,409,108	4,789,910	16,209,720
Bridge McFarland	69	8,024,224	1,054,432	4,533,763	13,612,419
Boyes Turner	23	44,666,434	1,638,307	4,378,929	50,683,670
Hudgell	134	10,794,135	1,109,031	3,936,570	15,839,736

McMillan Williams	29	11,048,274	730,540	3,800,627	15,579,442
Pryers	133	9,345,561	1,021,980	3,659,241	14,026,783
<b>2019/20</b>	<b>3,535</b>	<b>610,008,512</b>	<b>51,638,273</b>	<b>184,609,817</b>	<b>846,256,602</b>
Irwin Mitchell	718	194,418,410	15,320,355	45,589,991	255,328,756
Slater & Gordon	320	71,271,601	4,750,004	18,050,703	94,072,307
Fletchers	801	19,073,032	3,319,800	14,575,115	36,967,947
Leigh Day	136	43,043,831	2,913,967	11,110,985	57,068,783
Stewarts Law	42	33,094,098	2,302,317	10,906,508	46,302,923
JMW	106	44,106,298	2,625,781	7,471,013	54,203,092
Enable Law	97	20,926,132	1,771,160	7,061,388	29,758,680
Gadsby Wicks	61	18,157,303	1,636,112	6,431,610	26,225,025
Penningtons Manches	65	16,631,080	1,342,236	6,276,396	24,249,712
Royds Withy King	93	17,430,475	1,497,503	6,082,179	25,010,157
Switalskis	89	12,554,660	1,595,921	6,022,272	20,172,853
Shoosmiths Access Legal	79	18,626,266	1,791,610	5,897,611	26,315,488
Thompsons	252	14,320,829	1,842,370	5,675,628	21,838,826
Pryers	138	7,013,647	1,288,513	5,228,747	13,530,907
Hodge Jones & Allen	91	11,398,580	1,290,575	5,158,677	17,847,832
Bridge McFarland	85	8,997,458	1,364,699	5,012,117	15,374,275
Simpson Millar	134	17,732,701	1,801,032	4,864,663	24,398,395
Fieldfisher	29	26,751,925	1,189,785	4,723,309	32,665,019
Hudgell	172	6,228,760	1,188,436	4,297,088	11,714,284
Bolt Burdon Kemp	27	8,231,425	806,096	4,173,820	13,211,340
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>14,658</b>	<b>2,596,302,931</b>	<b>215,895,737</b>	<b>867,793,864</b>	<b>3,679,992,532</b>