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Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP.
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Dear Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt MP

Correction to NHS Resolution's written evidence to the Health and Social Care Select Committee on the safety of maternity services in England

I am writing to inform you of an error in NHS Resolution's written submission to the committee of 14 September 2020. In the first paragraph of our submission we stated:

'In 2019/20 NHS Resolution paid out £2.3 billion in compensation and associated costs for maternity claims equating to 40% of payments overall. The estimated compensation costs of maternity incidents during the 19/20 year under our main indemnity scheme, the Clinical Negligence Scheme for Trusts (CNST) is £8.3 billion, of which 69% relates to maternity.'

This statement should read:

'In 2019/20 NHS Resolution paid out £2.3 billion in compensation and associated costs, with maternity claims equating to 40% of payments. The estimated compensation cost of incidents during the 19/20 year under our main indemnity scheme, the Clinical Negligence Scheme for Trusts (CNST) is £8.3 billion, of which 69% relates to maternity.'

I am aware that this erroneous statement has informed the committee's report and it came to our attention on publication of the report which states at paragraph 82: *'In 2019–20, NHS Resolution paid out £2.3 billion in compensation and associated costs for maternity claims, representing 40% of all claim payments'*. My sincere apologies to the committee for this error. We have also published a correction on our website.

The relevant figures can be found in figure 19 of NHS Resolution's Annual Report and Accounts for 2019/20 on page 74: <https://resolution.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/NHS-Resolution-2019-20-Annual-report-and-accounts-WEB.pdf>

We understand that this letter will be published, form part of NHS Resolution's response to the inquiry and that a link to this letter may appear in a footnote of the report.

If there is any further information that NHS Resolution can provide to support the committee please let me know.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Helen Vernon', with a small flourish at the end.

Helen Vernon
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