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The following information was requested on 15 September 2021:

It concerns the number of fatality claims NHS England has paid out on.

In table 3 below detailing the primary cause of claims made in 2019/20 and the total amount paid out - could you please clarify what percentage of the 969 claims made were maternity/obstetrics related?

https://resolution.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/FOI_5050_Fatality-Claims.pdf

Our Response

Please find attached the requested information. Please note the data disclosed relates to the dataset identified in the above request, specifically the 969 claims cited.

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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NB: Number of claims fewer than 5 (and any associated values, within the same row) are masked with a "#" (in accordance with Data Protection guidelines). Accordingly, some total values may also be approximated to prevent masked values to be deduced through reverse calculation.

[Table 1: Number of Obstetric Claims Closed in the financial year 2019/20 with a damages payment where the injury was 'Fatality'](#)

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Closed_Settled	Y
Clinical_NonClinical	Clinical
Claim_Outcome_FOI	Damages Paid

Year of Closure	
----- Speciality	No. of Claims
2019/20	68
Obstetrics	68