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The following information was requested on 27 October 2021:

In the NHSR annual report claimant legal costs for clinical negligence claims were reported as £448.1 million in 2020/21. Can you breakdown this figure by the top 20 claimant firms.

Our Response

Please find attached the requested information in relation to the top 20 highest paid claimant firms by the sum of claimant costs paid.

Please note: Legal costs (claimant) = Legal costs and disbursements paid to claimants and their solicitors.

Table 1: The top 20 Claimant firms by claimant legal costs paid for the financial year 2020/21 for clinical negligence claims (**includes:** open, settled with a PPO and closed cases. Covers all claims where any claimant legal cost has been made in 2020/21)

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 Firm	Total Claimant legal costs paid	No. of claims
Irwin Mitchell	£56,071,714	3,112
Slater & Gordon	£23,291,135	1,083
Fletchers	£16,767,099	2,059
Fieldfisher	£14,555,177	392
Leigh Day	£12,783,416	467
Thompsons	£10,391,523	696
Enable Law	£8,750,341	355
JMW	£7,111,265	432
Penningtons Manches	£6,615,523	349
Stewarts Law	£6,404,765	244
Simpson Millar	£5,706,653	327
Pryers	£5,485,611	387
Hudgell	£5,441,512	464
Price Slater Gawne	£4,711,836	258
Switalskis	£4,698,008	255
Bolt Burdon Kemp	£4,686,265	138
Royds Withy King	£4,380,877	229
Gadsby Wicks	£4,096,399	210
Ashtons Legal	£4,038,681	201
Stephensons	£3,627,277	207
Grand Total	£205,987,798	11,658