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The following information was requested on 18 August 2022:

Can you please provide the following information under the Freedom of Information Act:

- In the most recent NHSR annual report, claimant legal costs for clinical negligence claims were reported as £470.9 million in 2021/22. Can you breakdown this figure by the top 20 claimant firms, and provide the number of claims these costs relate to (as in the previous FOI response: [FOI 5229 Top-20-highest-paid-claimant-firms.pdf \(resolution.nhs.uk\)](#))*

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 shows: The top 20 Claimant firms by claimant legal costs paid for the financial year 2021/22 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 2021/22)

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](#), Deputy Director of Corporate and Information Governance, Data Protection Officer 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.

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Claimant Solicitor Firm	Total Claimant Legal Costs Paid	No Of Claims
Irwin Mitchell	£65,195,281	3,305
Fletchers	£22,000,962	2,466
Slater & Gordon	£17,243,021	873
Fieldfisher	£11,891,807	350
Leigh Day	£10,934,821	500
JMW	£10,241,944	501
Stewarts Law	£9,880,897	234
Penningtons Manches	£9,232,269	335
Thompsons	£8,520,084	785
Bolt Burdon Kemp	£8,323,312	148
Enable Law	£8,002,450	376
Switalskis	£6,117,346	284
Shoosmiths	£6,101,168	368
Hodge Jones & Allen	£5,603,293	219
Royds Withy King	£5,473,481	272
Price Slater Gawne	£5,454,023	265
Simpson Millar	£5,198,799	339
Pryers	£4,824,520	339
Hudgell	£4,566,806	462
Gadsby Wicks	£4,254,779	216
Grand Total	£229,061,063	12,637