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The following various information was requested on 25 March 2025 and clarified on 7 April 2025:

[On 25 March 2025 you requested]

Please can you provide me with:

- the number of claims made for compensation for the NHS*
- the number of claims that were made for sexual assault/sexual misconduct by a health professional*
- the amount paid out per year for claims relating to sexual assault/sexual misconduct by a health professional claims relating to sexual assault/sexual misconduct by a health professional by organisation that the claim relates to (e.g. hospital).*

If you do not capture that data, please still send what you have and just note you do not capture that.

I'd like the data by year for every year since 2015 or the earliest from when it is captured on your non-manual systems.

Please can you also tell me what data you capture about compensation claims and the system/software which you use to record these.

[On 26 March 2025 we sought clarification]

Thank you for your request to NHS Resolution.

*Before we can respond, please, can you clarify Q1. the number of claims made for compensation for the NHS – do you require information about **all** claims made to NHS Resolution or just claims related to sexual assault?*

Your request will be put on hold until we receive the clarification requested above.

[You replied on 7 April 2025 with]

Please can you provide the figure for claims relating to sexual assault as well as the total number of all claims.

Our Response

Thank you for your request for information. Please note we only hold the details of claims (and some incidents) notified to us. Please note we only hold claims information for England and not the rest of the UK.

We report in complete financial years. We are able to provide the requested information for the financial years 2015/16 – 2023/24. The data for the financial year 2024/25 is currently unavailable. It will be available on request from August 2025. Due to low volumes, we have aggregated the data for the breakdown by Trusts requested rather than broken down by year, in order to provide meaningful data.

Please note: We have recently changed the way we report on our FOIs to align better with our published documents. Streamlining our reporting on FOIs with our annual published reports may mean a variation in snapshot dates. This means this data may not align with previous similar requests and it may not be possible for you to compare this information with a previous request. For further information, please refer to <https://resolution.nhs.uk/resources/understanding-nhs-resolution-data>.

Claims notified/received in any given year will often relate to incidents that have occurred many years prior. Due to the nature of clinical negligence claims and the level of investigation needed to bring them to a resolution, claims received and notified in a specific year may take years to settle and close. They are not guaranteed to be settled and closed in the same year. As such, there will be a time gap between incident and claim closure.

Due to the way in which data is extracted, it is also possible that the same claim may appear more than once in a dataset, across different year groups e.g. where the case has been closed (as nil damages payment), challenged, reopened, and closed again at conclusion.

We cannot provide data on staff sexual abuse claims because these are handled under our non-clinical LTPS scheme and there is no specific cause code relating to sexual abuse. We have provided details of claims reported under our clinical indemnity schemes where the primary cause or injury is sexual abuse.

Please note in respect of the data provided the perpetrator is not necessarily a clinician.

The information provided includes details of all clinical claims including those arising under the General Practice Indemnity Schemes Clinical Negligence Scheme for General Practice (CNSGP), and Existing Liabilities Scheme for General Practice (ELSGP). For information about our Clinical Negligence Schemes, please visit our website here: [Clinical schemes - NHS Resolution](#)

Please note: the tables broken down by Organisations should not be interpreted as a league table. Larger member organisations and those which provide more complex treatments may receive more claims than smaller organisations or those providing low risk care. Inevitably, different institutions face different levels of risk because of the variations in the nature and complexity of the procedures they perform. In some circumstances, volumes of reported cases may be impacted by multiple claims notified in relation to one cause of action.

Table 1 shows: - Number of Clinical Claims and Incidents received between financial years 2015/16 and 2023/24. Broken down by Year.

Table 2 shows: - Number of Clinical Claims and Incidents received between financial years 2015/16 and 2023/24 where the Primary Cause or Primary Injury is 'Sexual Abuse'.

Please note in respect of the data provided the perpetrator is not necessarily a clinician.

Table 3 shows: - Number of Clinical Claims and Incidents received between financial years 2015/16 and 2023/24 where the Primary Cause or Primary Injury is 'Sexual Abuse'. Broken down by Organisation.

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Table 4 shows: - Number and Cost of Clinical Claims Closed between financial years 2015/16 and 2023/24 where the Primary Cause or Primary Injury is 'Sexual Abuse', broken down by year. The data includes the damages and legal costs paid up until the end of each relevant financial year of closure.

Please note in respect of the data provided the perpetrator is not necessarily a clinician.

Table 5 shows: - Number and Cost of Clinical Claims Closed between financial years 2015/16 and 2023/24 with **NIL** damages paid where the Primary Cause or Primary Injury is 'Sexual Abuse', broken down by year.

Table 6 shows: - Number and Cost of Clinical Claims Closed between financial years 2015/16 and 2023/24 where the Primary Cause or Primary Injury is 'Sexual Abuse'. The data includes the damages and legal costs paid up until the end of each relevant financial year of closure. Broken down by Organisation.

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Table 7 shows: - Number and Cost of Clinical Claims Closed between financial years 2015/16 and 2023/24 with **NIL** damages paid where the Primary Cause or Primary Injury is 'Sexual Abuse'. Broken down by Organisation.

Please note Claims recorded against the Department of Health and Social Care (showing as Department of Health) are liabilities arising from defunct NHS organisations, which transferred to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care when those organisations were abolished. These also include NHS clinical negligence claims made against current and former GP members of medical defence organisations (currently MDDUS and MPS only) in respect of liabilities incurred before 1 April 2019. These are managed under ELSGP. Please see our website for details.

[The NHS Resolution Directions 2013 and The NHS Resolution \(Amendment\)](#)

Direction 2013 directed NHS Resolution to handle and pay certain clinical claims where liability has transferred to the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care from abolished Primary Care Trusts (PCTs) and Strategic Health Authorities (SHAs). NHS Resolution was also directed to handle and pay claims against Public Health England. This “Scheme” is used to identify such claims and includes the majority of incidents which occurred prior to 01.04.13 for services provided by PCTs, some independent providers and SHAs.

Low figures refusal

We have not provided the information for low figures involved, as we believe that disclosure of information with this level of granularity is exempt under Section 40(2) by virtue of section 40(3A) (a) of the FOI Act, where disclosure to a member of the public would contravene one or more of the data protection principles. The data protection principles are set out in Article 5 of the General Data Protection Regulation. We take the view that it would not be fair or lawful (given the sensitive and confidential nature of the information held) to disclose such information and any disclosure would therefore contravene the first data protection principle.

In some instances, the low numbers of claims (fewer than 5) in each category, the likelihood exists that individuals who are the subject of this information may be identified either from this information alone, or in combination with other available information. In addition to this, as this information is considered to be sensitive personal data (the data subjects’ medical condition); NHS Resolution believes it has a greater responsibility to protect those individuals’ identities, as disclosure could potentially cause damage and/or distress to those involved.

In response to: *Please can you also tell me what data you capture about compensation claims and the system/software which you use to record these.*

We use a Claims Management Database to process and manage Claims. If you would like to know how data is categorised in our Claims database please see the following link: [Understanding NHS Resolution data - NHS Resolution](#)

Further to our obligations to provide advice and assistance, you may find it helpful to review the work of the [Getting It Right First Time team](#) with whom NHS Resolution has been working with to undertake in-depth analysis of our claims data. They have produced a number of [reports](#) from analysing our claims data, which has been shared following approval of the confidentiality advisory group to the use of confidential patient information for this purpose.

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 [Joanne Appleby](#), Deputy 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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<https://ico.org.uk/>

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Table 1: Number of Clinical Claims and Incidents received between financial years 2015/16 and 2023/24. Broken down by Year.

Notified Clinical_NonClinical	Y Clinical
Year of Notification	No. of Claims
2015/16	10,965
2016/17	10,686
2017/18	10,672
2018/19	10,678
2019/20	11,677
2020/21	13,351
2021/22	15,078
2022/23	13,511
2023/24	13,784
Grand Total	110,402

Table 2: Number of Clinical Claims and Incidents received between financial years 2015/16 and 2023/24 where the Primary Cause or Primary Injury is 'Sexual Abuse'.

Notified	Y
Clinical_NonClinical	Clinical

Year of Notification	No. of Claims
2015/16	37
2016/17	22
2017/18	23
2018/19	25
2019/20	13
2020/21	17
2021/22	15
2022/23	17
2023/24	27
Grand Total	196

Table 3: Number of Clinical Claims and Incidents received between financial years 2015/16 and 2023/24 where the Primary Cause or Primary Injury is 'Sexual Abuse'. Broken down by Organisation.

Notified	Y
Latest Trust Code	(All)
Clinical_NonClinical	Clinical

Trust Name	No. of Claims
Trusts with less than 5 Claims	105
Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	48
Department of Health	30
Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust	8
Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	5
Grand Total	196

Table 4: Number and Cost of Clinical Claims Closed between financial years 2015/16 and 2023/24 where the Primary Cause or Primary Injury is 'Sexual Abuse'. The data includes the damages and legal costs paid up until the end of each relevant financial year of closure.

ClosedSettled	Y
Claim_Outcome	Damages Paid
Clinical_NonClinical	Clinical

Year of Closure	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs	Total Paid
2015/16	8	133,573	19,913	98,450	251,936
2016/17	16	290,100	38,022	275,715	603,837
2017/18	17	452,375	70,529	394,678	917,582
2018/19	27	764,570	105,056	470,650	1,340,276
2019/20	21	686,125	104,571	430,749	1,221,446
2020/21	17	484,913	81,638	293,050	859,601
2021/22	13	407,050	60,625	370,830	838,505
2022/23	11	434,250	83,515	339,780	857,545
2023/24	14	1,155,500	125,297	585,250	1,866,047
Grand Total	144	4,808,456	689,167	3,259,153	8,756,776

Table 5: Number and Cost of Clinical Claims Closed between financial years 2015/16 and 2023/24 with NIL damages paid where the Primary Cause or Primary Injury is 'Sexual Abuse'.

ClosedSettled	Y
Claim_Outcome	Nil Damages
Clinical_NonClinical	Clinical

Year of Closure	No. of Claims	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
2015/16	11	46,190	0	46,190
2016/17	9	60,002	0	60,002
2017/18	#	#	#	#
2018/19	7	18,922	0	18,922
2019/20	#	#	#	#
2020/21	#	#	#	#
2021/22	6	26,893	#	23,693
2022/23	#	#	#	#
2023/24	#	#	#	#

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ClosedSettled	Y
Claim_Outcome	Damages Paid
Clinical_NonClinical	Clinical

Trust Name	No. of Claims	Damages Paid	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
Trusts with less than 5 Claims	70	2,097,337	391,919	1,813,910	4,303,166
Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust	36	1,409,250	110,048	622,425	2,141,723
Department of Health	19	917,150	85,680	446,815	1,449,645
Kent and Medway NHS and Social Care Partnership Trust	7	225,431	42,188	223,002	490,621
University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust	5	95,000	28,864	81,250	205,114
Frimley Health NHS Foundation Trust	7	64,288	30,468	71,750	166,507
Grand Total	144	4,808,456	689,167	3,259,153	8,756,776

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ClosedSettled	Y
Claim_Outcome	Nil Damages
Clinical_NonClinical	Clinical

Trust Name	No. of Claims	NHS Legal Costs Paid	Claimant Legal Costs Paid	Total Paid
Trusts with less than 5 Claims	32	141,445	#	#
Department of Health	17	51,864	0	51,864