

PUBLISHED INFORMATION REQUEST

Reference: 13993

Description: Orthopaedics Litigation Claims

Response

1. *The number of litigation claims lodged with UHMBT in the last 10 years relating to the orthopaedics department. Can this information be provided by year. Can this also be provided so that settlements refer to which clinician was involved - I appreciate this can't be given so that it identifies the clinical but I anticipate it can it be provided so that each claim can be attributed to a certain clinician (eg X amount paid in X MONTH and X YEAR relating to claim regarding CLINICIAN A/B/C/D)*

Please find below a report from the claims database, listing all the clinical claims for orthopaedics advised to the Trust between 1/1/2010 and 31/12/ 2020, which have been reported to NHS Resolution (NHSR). The numbers are as follows:

2010	8	7 damages paid
2011	7	5 damages paid
2012	8	6 damages paid
2013	10	5 damages paid
2014	14	10 damages paid
2015	12	7 damages paid
2016	9	8 damages paid
2017	7	3 damages paid
2018	10	3 damages paid
2019	9	2 damages paid
2020	4	0 damages paid

The above report also indicates the number of cases where damages have been paid. The other cases have either been closed without payment or are on-going.

With regard to the attribution of claims to clinicians, we do not hold the specific information you have requested. Although we now record the names of those involved in a claim, the name generally relates to the clinician from whom comments have been sought and this may be more than one clinician for a single claim. Sometimes the responsible clinician has since left the Trust, in which case the name may be that of the current or lead clinician. Also, the allegations may not relate to the named clinician's care but rather that of a junior doctor or nursing staff.

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2. *The amount paid out by UHMBT (which I appreciate will not include any amounts paid out by NHS Resolution) relating to litigation claims regarding the orthopaedics department. Can this information be provided by year. Can this also be provided so that settlements refer to which clinician was involved - I appreciate this can't be given so that it identifies the clinical but I anticipate it can it be provided so that each claim can be attributed to a certain clinician (eg X amount paid in X MONTH and X YEAR relating to claim regarding CLINICIAN A/B/C/D)*

All payments in respect of clinical claims are made by NHSR rather than the Trust.

3. *The total number of complaints, provided by year, submitted to UHMBT relating to the orthopaedics department.*

Year	Number
2011	55
2012	68
2013	65
2014	66
2015	45
2016	50
2017	42
2018	52
2019	31
2020	24
Total	498

4. *The number of times UHMBT has made referrals to the GMC relating to clinicians within the orthopaedics department for the last 10 years, provided by way of each year.*

We do not hold records prior to 2014. The Trust has not referred any Orthopaedic doctors to the GMC since 2014.