

House of Lords

Written answer

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NHS: Negligence

Asked by Lord Hunt of Kings Heath

To ask Her Majesty's Government how many clinical negligence cases brought against the NHS in England were funded by (1) a conditional fee agreement, (2) legal aid, or (3) by some other form of funding, in each of the last five years for which figures are available; and how many cases in each of these categories resulted in a compensation payment. [HL15043]

Lord Bethell: The following table shows the number of cases notified in each of the previous five years under NHS Resolution's clinical negligence indemnity schemes. This data excludes those cases falling under the Existing Liabilities Scheme for General Practice as this scheme mainly covers inherited liabilities.

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20
Conditional fee agreement	8,283	8,389	8,444	8,303	8,760
Legal Aid	305	234	157	148	118
Other funding	2,377	2,063	2,067	2,221	2,750

Information on the number of cases in each category which then lead to a compensation payment is not held in the format requested and could only be obtained at disproportionate cost.