

House of Lords

Written Answer

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NHS: Negligence

Asked by Lord Storey

To ask Her Majesty's Government, in each of the last three years, (1) what was the total cost of clinical negligence cases to the NHS, (2) how many cases were resolved prior to going to court, (3) how many cases went to court; and (4) what was the percentage of those cases which were won by the NHS. [HL 416]

Baroness Blackwood of North Oxford: NHS Resolution handles clinical negligence claims on behalf of National Health Service organisations and independent sector providers of NHS care in England.

NHS Resolution has provided the following information:

The total cost of clinical negligence cases to the NHS.

2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
£1,707.2 million	£2,275.5 million	£2,359.9 million

The number of cases resolved prior to going to court.

2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
10,996	11,417	11,255

The number of cases that went to court.

2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
128	72	53

The percentage of those cases which were won by the NHS.

2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
56%	65%	57%

Note:

The above figures are in relation to the NHS in England only (Clinical Negligence Scheme for Trusts and other relevant schemes).

The figures provided do not include claims brought against general practice.