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The cases, the chatter, the chaos: what's really going on in the law

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Growing negligence

Guests at the launch of the sixth edition of a textbook on clinical negligence edited by Michael Powers KC and Anthony Barton remarked that over the years the volume has increased in thickness — not least compared with when it was first published, in 1990. And all earlier works are considerably larger than the slim volume on medical negligence by the solicitor Lord Nathan, first published in 1957 when the NHS and legal aid were in their infancy.

A testament to proliferating legislation and regulation. And while the most recent edition looks slightly slimmer than recent previous editions, it was observed that it is printed on thinner paper and in a smaller font.