**FOI Enquiries regarding Negligence ( Responses shown in red)**

Here is the response to your recent Freedom of Information enquiry from Weston Area Health NHS Trust.

How many medical negligence claims have been sent into the Trust over the past five years. I would like annual figures for each year and also please can you put them into categories - ie maternity, A&E, nursing etc.?

2010 = 8 ( 2 x maternity, 3 x A&E, 2 x general medicine, 1 x sexual health)

2011 = 23 (10 x orthopaedics, 1 x cancer, 2 x maternity, 1 x gynaecology, 3 x urology, 2 x A&E, 3 x general surgery, 1 x general medicine)

2012 = 21 (1 x nursing, 4 x orthopaedics, 5 x A&E, 4 x general medicine, 1 x sexual health, 3 x general surgery, 1 x maternity, 1 x paediatrics, 1 x ENT)

2013 = 18 (6 x A&E, 4 x orthopaedics, 4 x general medicine, 1 x neurology, 1 x general surgery, 1 x opthalmology, 1 x maternity)

2014 = 13 (4 xA&E, 2 x General Surgery, 3 x orthopaedics, 2 x nursing, 2 x maternity)

How many of those claims relate to cases which happened before March 2013 when the new legislation came in? (as claims could have been lodged post March 2013)

How many of them related to cases which happened after March 2013?

Incidents before 31.03.13 =  79

Incidents after 31.03.13 = 4

How much money has been awarded (by the trust itself or by a court judge) and also can you also provide categories for this? i.e. Maternity, etc. Again I would like annual figures for the past five years.

Any damages awarded are paid by the NHS Litigation Authority who can be contacted at [www.nhsla.com](http://www.nhsla.com/)

What proportion of these cases have been referred to the NHS Litigation Authority by the Trust over the past five years?

All of the above cases have been referred to the NHS Litigation Authority.

How much money has been spent in legal costs dealing with these claims over the past five years?

Any costs awarded are paid by the NHS Litigation Authority who can be contacted at [www.nhsla.com](http://www.nhsla.com/)

I trust that your request has been satisfactorily answered, but I should advise you that you have the right to complain about this response by reference to the complaints procedure of the Weston Area Health NHS Trust, in which case you should write to me at this email address.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision of the Trust following your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner, whose address is:

Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

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