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Further to your recent request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000, I now set out our answers to your specific questions, and any clarifications sought and provided, as follows:

This is an information request regarding compensation paid for maternity claims.

Please include the following information for the following years 2022/23, 2023/24, 2024/25 and 2025/26:

1) The total value of compensation claims paid in respect of maternity claims, please include a break down by:

a) Claimant costs.

The information requested above is collated by NHS Resolution and is available via their website which can be accessed using the link below:

[Annual statistics - NHS Resolution](#)

For further information, Freedom of Information requests to NHS Resolution can be made via the link below:

<https://resolution.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information/>

b) The Trust's legal costs.

Please see the response to question 1a.

2) Total number of maternity compensation claims made, broken down by:

a) Settled with admission of liability.

Please see the response to question 1a.

b) Settled without admission of liability.

Please see the response to question 1a.

c) Failed claims.

Please see the response to question 1a.

3) Total number of maternity claims currently open or in progress.

Please see the response to question 1a.

4) A breakdown of the reasons for maternity compensation claims and the number of cases that fell into each category (for example Cerebral palsy and other brain injuries to the baby, stillbirth, neonatal death, other significant injury to the baby, maternal death, significant maternal injury, psychological injury etc)

Please see the response to question 1a.

5) For each year please provide the largest maternity compensation claim including information on:

a) Total damages paid.

Please see the response to question 1a.

b) The category of the maternal injury.

Please see the response to question 1a.

I trust this information is helpful in its detail or explanation however, if you are dissatisfied with the response, then you have the right to request an internal review. If you wish to seek an internal review, please write to the Freedom of Information Team at esh-tr.foi@nhs.net quoting the above FOI reference number, within 40 working days. Please note the Trust is not obliged to accept a request for an internal review after this time period.

Yours faithfully

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