

11 February 2020

Our Ref: RFI 33112

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Information in relation to medical negligence claims**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for information relating to the above which you requested on 22 January 2020.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the HR & Corporate Affairs Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

If you are unhappy as to how this request has been handled, you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. You should write to the Information Governance Department, Lough House, Ards Community Hospital (informationgovernance@setrust.hscni.net) within two months of the date of this response and your complaint will be considered and a response provided, within 20 working days of receipt.

If, after receiving a response, you remain unhappy, you can refer your complaint to the Information Commissioner at The Information Commissioner's Office –Northern Ireland, 3rd Floor, 14 Cromac Place, Belfast, BT7 2JB. It is important to note that if you refer any matter to the Information Commissioner, you will need to show evidence of having gone through the Trust's internal review procedure to try to resolve the matter with the Trust in the first instance.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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Information Governance Assistant

Q. Could you please tell me how much the Trust has paid out in medical negligence claims over the last five years.

Can this figure also be broken down by year and number of cases.

A. Please see Table 1 below.

Table 1

	No of Cases	Damages
2015	110	£4,808,141
2016	123	£3,463,385
2017	109	£1,571,193
2018	101	£8,923,756
2019	88	£823,316
Totals:	531	£19,589,790