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Health Board

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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 07.04.22. Your request sought information relating to clinical negligence claims.

Please note that figures will include damages and claimant's costs (legal fees) but exclude defence payments. The figures will relate to payments made in these particular years, but this is not necessarily the year the claim was originally submitted, and the claim may still not be settled.

In other words, these cases may have progressed through the legal system for many years before the payment was made. Individual claims can take several years before full settlement is reached, and which increasingly include substantial initial stage payments.

1. The number of clinical negligence claims in 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22;

- 2019/2020 – 164
- 2020/2021 – 173
- 2021/2022 – 179

2. The number of clinical negligence claims settled in 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22;

- 2019/2020 – 63
- 2020/2021 – 43
- 2021/2022 – 40

3. The total number of outstanding claims against the Board;
323



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4. Total payments made in respect of clinical negligence claims in 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22; and

- 2019/2020 - £16,141,288
- 2020/2021 - £20,281,470
- 2021/2022 - £17,679,484

Please note this number is legal damages & costs only and excludes defence fees

5. If possible, the top three categories of clinical negligence claims.

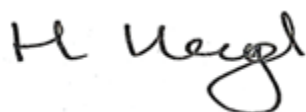
- 2019/2020 top 3 categories:
 1. Diagnostic conclusions
 2. Invasive treatment / procedure
 3. Monitoring / assessment of patient
- 2020/2021 top 3 categories:
 1. Diagnostic conclusions
 2. Invasive treatment / procedure
 3. Injuries of unknown origin
- 2021/2022 top 3 categories:
 1. Diagnostic conclusions
 2. Invasive treatment / procedure
 3. Physical Diagnostic Assessment / Evaluation

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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Yours sincerely



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