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## Requested:

I write regarding a Freedom of Information request on clinical negligence claims and would be grateful if you could answer the following questions:

- 1. The number of clinical negligence claims in 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22;
- 2. The number of clinical negligence claims settled in 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22;
- 3. The total number of outstanding claims against the Board;
- 4. Total payments made in respect of clinical negligence claims in 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22; and
- 5. If possible, the top three categories of clinical negligence claims.

## Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides within the table below, the number of clinical negligence claims received during the financial years 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22.

| Financial year | Number of claims |
|----------------|------------------|
| 2019/20        | 97               |
| 2020/21        | 87               |
| 2021/22        | 104              |

2. The UHB provides within the table below, the number of clinical negligence claims settled during the financial years 2019/20, 2021 and 2021/22.

| Financial year | Number of claims |
|----------------|------------------|
| 2019/20        | 103              |
| 2020/21        | 93               |
| 2021/22        | 101              |

- 3. The UHB confirms that the total number of confirmed outstanding claims against the UHB is 260, made up of 224 clinical negligence claims and 36 personal injury claims.
- 4. The UHB provides within the table below, the total amount of clinical negligence payments made during the financial years 2019/20, 2021 and 2021/22.

| Financial year | Total payments |
|----------------|----------------|
| 2019/20        | £210,654.00    |
| 2020/21        | £628,297.25    |
| 2021/22        | £152,168.00    |

- 5. The UHB confirms that the top three (3) categories of clinical negligence claims recorded on the DATIX incident reporting system are:
  - Treatment or procedure issues
  - Clinical assessment, clinical diagnosis
  - Maternal

Please note: - inquest data has not been included in the information provided above.