

Reference:	FOI.16086.24
Subject:	Clinical negligence claims
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Requested:

1. Total amounts of clinical negligence paid in 2020-21, 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24
2. The number of claims made in the above years
3. A breakdown of groups of claims made to the Board in the above years
4. The total number of outstanding claims against the Board.

Clarified

To clarify 'breakdown of group of claims' if you could group them by cost per department.

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) is unable to provide you with all of the information requested, as it is estimated that the cost of answering your request would exceed the "appropriate limit" as stated in the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004. The "appropriate limit" represents the estimated cost of one person spending 18 hours (or 2½ working days) in determining whether the UHB holds the information, and locating, retrieving and extracting the information.

As the information requested for question 3 is not collated and recorded centrally, the UHB would need to undertake a manual trawl of all clinical negligence claims made during the 2020/21 to 2023/24 financial years, to identify any information that may fulfil this part of your request.

The UHB is therefore applying an exemption under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), which provides an exemption from a public authority's obligation to comply with a request for information where the cost of compliance is estimated to exceed the appropriate limit.

However, under Section 16 of the FoIA, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance. Therefore, the UHB provides the accessible information it holds below.

1. & 2. The UHB is applying a Section 21 exemption of the FoIA, as this information is already in the public domain and is accessible by another means. The information requested is included in the UHB's Annual Accounts, which are published on its website.

A link to the UHB's Annual reports and quality statements webpage has been provided below.

[Annual reports and annual quality statements - Hywel Dda University Health Board](#)

3. Section 12 exemption applied.
4. The UHB confirms that it currently has two hundred and six (206) open clinical negligence cases.