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Subject:	Clinical negligence claims
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Requested:

1. The total number of clinical negligence claims in the years 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26.
2. The total number of successful clinical negligence claims in the years 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26.
3. The total amount paid for successful clinical negligence claims in the years 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26.
4. The costs associated with clinical negligence claims (e.g. legal) in the years 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26.
5. The number of successful maternity negligence claims, amount paid and costs in the years 2021-22, 2022-23, 2023-24, 2024-25 and 2025-26.
6. The top three types of successful clinical negligence claims.

Response:

1. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides within the table overleaf, the number of both confirmed and potential clinical negligence claims opened against the UHB, during the 2021/22 to 2025/26 financial years.

Financial year	Number
2021/22	136
2022/23	105
2023/24	165
2024/25	120
2025/26	164

2. The UHB provides with the table below, the number of clinical negligence claims successfully concluded for the claimants, during the 2021/22 to 2025/26 financial years.

Financial year	Number
2021/22	8
2022/23	26
2023/24	26
2024/25	33
2025/26	40

3. & 4. The UHB has applied an exemption under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), as the information requested is accessible by another means. Financial information relating to clinical negligence claims is contained within the UHB's annual reports

for the 2021/22 to 2025/26 financial years, which are available on the UHB's website and can be accessed via the link provided below:

[Annual reports - Hywel Dda University Health Board](#)

5. The UHB is unable to provide you with the number of clinical negligence maternity claims successfully concluded for the claimant, broken down into financial years as requested, due to the low number of cases (less than 5), as there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if the details requested for each year was disclosed. Therefore, the UHB is withholding these details under Section 40(2) of the FoIA.

Additionally, it is not within the expectation of these individuals that their personal data would be put into the public domain. This information is classed as personal data of a third party. Therefore, it is being withheld in accordance with the exemption set out in section 40(2) of the FoIA, by virtue of section 40(3)(a) of the FoIA, which permits a public authority to withhold personal data other than the requestor's where the disclosure would breach Data Protection principles.

This information is protected by the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)/UK General Data Protection Regulations (UK GDPR), as its disclosure would constitute unfair and unlawful processing and would be contrary to the principles and articles of the UK GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore, there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

In reaching this decision, the DPA and UK GDPR define personal data as data that relates to a living individual who can be identified solely from that data or from that data and other information, which is in the possession of the data controller.

However, whilst operating in accordance with the Section 45 Freedom of Information Code of Practice, the UHB has a duty to provide advice and assistance and provides within the table overleaf, the total number of maternity clinical negligence claims successfully concluded for the claimants and the costs paid, during the 2021/22 to 2025/26 financial years.

Period	Number	Damages	Claimants' costs
2021/22 – 2025/26	9	£9,092,149.00	£1,409,910.00

6. The UHB confirms that the top three (3) types of clinical negligence claims successfully concluded for the claimants were in relation to Emergency Medicine, Orthopaedics and Obstetrics.