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Question/s to be answered

During each of the following years:

- How many medical negligence claims were lodged against the health board in each of the following years: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 (to date)

Year	Number of claims received in calendar year
2017	3
2018	1
2019	4
2020	-
2021	-
2022 -	-

- For the above, please also provide a breakdown of these claims by the hospital and department/specialty they relate to*

The specialities are less than five in each year claims were received and including this detail by year risks making individual claims identifiable. However, across the eight claims received they relate to A&E, Chiropody, General Medicine, General Surgery, Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Trauma and Orthopaedic Surgery.

- How many negligence claims were settled in each of the following years: 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022

Year	Number of claims settled in year (please note these do not necessarily correlate with the number received in year as some take longer to resolve)
2017	-

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2018	1
2019	1
2020	1
2021	1
2022-	-

4. For each year, what was the total value of negligence settlements paid

Year	£
2017	-
2018	30,000
2019	34,300
2020	19,500
2021	160,000
2022-	-

5. What hospital and department/specialty did settlements relate to*

*if breaking this hospital/department data down per year cannot be done due to numbers being <5/disclosure issues, please provide the breakdown instead as cumulative totals covering the 6 years

Providing any further detail on the settlements runs the risk of identification of individual claims given the low numbers.

In accordance with FOISA s 16(1), NHS Shetland confirms that it holds the information requested but that it is exempt from disclosure under FOISA s 38(1)(a) as the information constitutes personal data.