

FOI 3513

5th January 2026

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

1. The number of clinical negligence or malpractice claims made against Daisy Hill Hospital for each of the last [choose timeframe: e.g., 5 or 10 years]. 221 total

Response:

2015: <5
2016: 32
2017: 30
2018: 24
2019: 35
2020: 19
2021: 13
2022: 23
2023: 12
2024: 18
2025 (to date): 12

The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality and, in line with this duty, the figure <5 has been provided where figures are very low. This is because of the potential risk of identification of an individual. In reaching this decision the Trust has taken into account the small geographical area which the Trust serves and the sensitivity of the information requested. In addition the Trust has taken into account the fact that all information disclosed in response to an FOI is disclosed to the 'world at large' and is published on the Trust website.

S 40 (2) (third party information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to exempt the exact figures from disclosure. The Trust does not consider the disclosure of the information to be fair to the individuals concerned as there is the potential risk of identification of an individual(s) which they would not expect, and which would therefore breach the fairness element of the first principle of the Data Protection Act 2018

2. The number of claims that resulted in a settlement or payout during the same period.

Response:

50 across all years

3. The total amount paid out in relation to these claims per year (if available).

Response:

2017: £60,000,
2018: £10,000,
2019: £312,793,
2020: £81,000,
2021: £586,418,
2022: £320,000,
2023: £1,567,933,
2024: £2,033,333,
2025 (to date): £1,270,000

4. Any available breakdown of claims by type of incident (e.g., surgical error, delayed diagnosis, med medication error), **To include claims which did not progress as these were withdrawn or statute barred.**

Response:

Incident type	Number of claims
Bacterial Infection	<5
Birth Defects	13
Delay in performing an operation	<5
Errors with agent/dose/route/selection	<5
Fail to Inform Test Results	<5
Fail to Supervise	<5
Fail/ Delay Treatment	43
Failure of antenatal screening to detect congenital abnormality	<5
Failure of follow-up arrangements	<5
Failure to correctly apply forceps	<5
Failure to diagnose/delay in diagnosis	58
Failure to interpret X-ray correctly	16
Failure to Perform Tests	<5
Failure to recognise complication of treatment	5
Failure to warn (informed consent)	8
Failure to X-ray	<5
Failure/delay in admitting to hospital	<5
Forceps Delivery	<5
Foreign Body Left in Situ	<5
Hospital acquired infection	<5
Inadequate Nursing Care	<5
Inappropriate Discharge	<5
Inappropriate Treatment	<5
Inappropriate use of forceps/Ventouse	<5
Incorrect Injection site	<5
Lack of adequate facilities/equipment	<5
Lack Of Assistance/Care	<5
Medication errors	<5

Operate on the wrong patient/wrong body part	<5
Operator Error	5
Other Pregnancy & Childbirth	10
Performance of operation that is not indicated	<5
Slips/trips/falls	<5
Surgical Foreign Body Left in Situ	<5
Unexpected death	<5
Unknown	11
Wrong diagnosis made	<5
Fail to monitor 2nd Stg Labour	<5
Secondary Victim	<5
Total	221

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