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## **Contraceptive Issues through Faulty/Improperly Placed Contraceptive Implants**

**Please could you share any information you hold on patients who have experienced contraceptive issues through faulty/improperly placed contraceptive implants (i.e. unplanned pregnancies) *and* who have either received a financial settlement from the Belfast Health and Social Care Trust or otherwise taken part in or sought a private arbitration or case in court. Please include:**

- 1. The number of patients who were invited to or sought private arbitration/dispute in court**
- 2. Time period over which these arbitrations took place**
- 3. The financial sums delivered by BHSCCT to the patients in question, if any**

Our records indicate there have been three claims in total where unplanned pregnancy is alleged. Coding for these type of claims was not robust pre-April 2019, as there was no specific Department of Health code, as there is now for 'failed sterilisation'.

Patient 1: Litigation spanning 2016 – 2021  
Damages £35,000

Patient 2: Litigation spanning 2014-2020  
Damages: Nil

Patient 3: Litigation spanning 2019 – 2022  
Damages: £25,000