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## **Litigation Actions Relating to Smear Tests**

- 1) From the years 2013 to 2023 inclusive, how many litigation actions have been taken against the trust over medical negligence in connection with the mis-treating of smear tests processing and results? Please could you provide an annual breakdown?**

7 cases opened in total between 2013 – 2023, broken down as follows:

- <5 cases in 2013
- <5 cases in 2016
- <5 cases in 2018
- <5 cases in 2021
- <5 cases in 2022
- <5 cases in 2023

Where numbers are low we have indicated <5 rather than give the exact figure. We feel that providing the exact figure has the potential to make people identifiable and so that information is exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

- 2) From the years 2012 to 2023 inclusive, how many of these legal or litigation actions have been settled by the trust? Please could you provide an annual breakdown?**

<5 cases settled in total between 2012 – 2023, broken down as follows:

- <5 cases in 2014
- <5 cases in 2017

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