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Neurosurgical Litigation

I was wondering whether the Belfast Trust held data on the number of claims, types of claims, costs of claims involving neurosurgical cases over the last decade. Similar to data held by NHS resolution? Would it be possible to FOI request this data?

Note the information below provided is for the period 01/01/2014 - 31/12/2023.

- There were a total of 44 claims
- The types of claims included:
 - Failure/delay in treatment
 - Inadequate monitoring pre-, intra-, or post-operatively
 - Inappropriate treatment/procedure
 - Intra-operative problems
 - Unexpected death
 - Failure/delay in diagnosis
 - Medication error
 - Failure to recognise complication of treatment
 - Not specified
 - Foreign body left in situ
 - Operator error
 - Inadequate nursing care/observations/monitoring
 - Failure to perform operation
 - Inappropriate discharge/treatment stopped too soon
 - Wrong diagnosis made
 - Failure to properly interpret/act on clinical diagnostic test/screening/x-ray
 - Error with agent/dose/route/selection
- The total cost of claims to date is £4,727,763.96 to include damages, defence and plaintiff costs.