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Query

To ask the Minister for Health the compensation paid by the HSE in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, for negligence claims at each hospital in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Response from SCA:

The information contained in this document has been extracted from the National Incident Management System (NIMS). It contains clinical and general claims (see definitions) relating to both statutory and voluntary hospitals within the acute hospital group. The claims relate to patient/service user, staff members, member of public and property damage. The payments reflect damages only and exclude legal fees and other expert costs.

Criteria used

- This report shows the amount of damages paid on claims by HSE Hospital Groups from 01/01/2014 to 31/05/2019
- Location at Level 2: All Statutory and Voluntary Hospitals only.
- Transaction Report Date: 01/01/2014 – 31/05/2019
- Transaction Type: Payments Damages only
- This report is correct as of 31/05/2019.

Table 1:

Location	Clinical / General	Transaction Year						Total
		2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019 (to 31/05)	
Group 1 - RCSI Dublin North East Hospital Group (Academic Partner: RCSI)	Clinical	€6,649,362	€15,237,310	€19,573,116	€13,990,748	€41,795,394	€5,419,849	€102,665,779
	General	€626,423	€556,960	€1,020,014	€1,981,077	€2,291,248	€977,366	€7,453,088
	Group Total	€7,275,784	€15,794,271	€20,593,130	€15,971,825	€44,086,642	€6,397,215	€110,118,867
Group 2 - Dublin Midlands Hospital Group (Academic Partner: TCD)	Clinical	€11,334,578	€24,148,943	€20,795,457	€37,189,089	€12,298,479	€11,406,089	€117,172,636
	General	€524,954	€222,710	€1,073,736	€1,661,460	€2,452,831	€1,081,410	€7,017,101
	Group Total	€11,859,533	€24,371,653	€21,869,193	€38,850,549	€14,751,310	€12,487,499	€124,189,736
Group 3 - Ireland East Hospital Group (Academic Partner: UCD)	Clinical	€13,178,729	€21,217,080	€19,856,172	€36,471,052	€26,645,907	€6,563,754	€123,932,693
	General	€695,634	€1,050,706	€784,179	€1,207,609	€3,324,105	€1,629,264	€8,691,497
	Group Total	€13,874,364	€22,267,786	€20,640,350	€37,678,661	€29,970,012	€8,193,017	€132,624,190
Group 4 - South/South West Hospital Group (Academic Partner: UCC)	Clinical	€12,190,038	€44,339,944	€21,158,551	€47,516,144	€34,056,719	€33,898,679	€193,160,074
	General	€1,265,983	€2,122,642	€1,786,802	€2,677,029	€3,963,019	€1,624,622	€13,440,098
	Group Total	€13,456,021	€46,462,586	€22,945,353	€50,193,173	€38,019,738	€35,523,301	€206,600,172
Group 5 - Saolta West/North West Hospital Group (Academic Partner: NUIG)	Clinical	€7,061,746	€5,762,482	€29,265,092	€16,324,937	€44,221,677	€13,801,570	€116,437,504
	General	€461,015	€871,540	€1,720,589	€2,911,115	€1,893,015	€1,198,099	€9,055,372
	Group Total	€7,522,761	€6,634,022	€30,985,681	€19,236,052	€46,114,692	€14,999,669	€125,492,876
Group 6 - UL Midwest Hospital Group (Academic Partner: UL)	Clinical	€4,266,500	€10,956,885	€5,570,861	€9,234,415	€32,562,983	€1,843,355	€64,435,000
	General	€843,945	€628,189	€1,046,378	€1,361,447	€2,126,720	€322,666	€6,329,346
	Group Total	€5,110,446	€11,585,075	€6,617,239	€10,595,862	€34,689,703	€2,166,021	€70,764,346
Group 7 - Children's Hospital Group (Academic Partner: All)	Clinical	€268,000	€6,344,620	€14,163,500	€5,775,078	€7,383,159	€28,527,462	€62,461,819
	General	€0	€12,600	€0	€7,500	€397,412	€37,711	€455,223
	Group Total	€268,000	€6,357,220	€14,163,500	€5,782,578	€7,780,571	€28,565,173	€62,917,042
Total		€59,366,908	€133,472,612	€137,814,446	€178,308,700	€215,412,667	€108,331,895	€832,707,228

Table 1: Hospital Groups damages claims payments 01/01/2014 – 31/05/2019

Definitions:

National Incident Management System (NIMS): Incidents (which include claims) are reported using the “National Incident Management System”. This is hosted by the State Claims Agency (SCA) for the HSE, other Healthcare enterprises and State Authorities. An incident can be a harmful Incident (Adverse Event), no harm incident, near miss, dangerous occurrence (reportable circumstance) or complaint.

Location: This field details the second highest level on the locations hierarchy within which an incident occurred.

Claim: A claim refers to notification of intention to seek compensation for personal injury and/or property damage where it is alleged the State was negligent. The application may be in the form of a letter of claim, an InjuriesBoard.ie application, or a written/oral request.

Clinical: Clinical incident on NIMS is one which falls under the Incident Hazard category of Clinical Care. This category includes incidents relating to the provision of services of a diagnostic or palliative nature. It also includes incidents relating to the provision of treatment. Incidents present in this category will be related to clinical procedures, birth specific procedures, medication incidents, or nutrition/blood related incidents. The injured parties are Patient/Service Users.

General: A general incident on NIMS is one which falls outside of the Clinical Care Incident hazard category. This includes all incidents relating to Exposure to Physical Hazards, Exposure to Psychological Hazards, Exposure to Chemical Hazards, Exposure to Biological Hazards and Crashes/Collisions. The injured parties are Patient/Service Users, Staff members, Member of Public and can also relate to third party Property Damage.

Transaction Year: This refers to the date that payments were issued.

Damages/Compensation Amounts: Damages payments include special and general damages payments.