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Query

To ask the Minister for Health the number of cases of medical negligence brought by speciality in each of the years 2014 to 2018 and to date in 2019, in tabular form; and if he will make a statement on the matter.

Response from SCA:

The information in this report has been extracted from the National Incident Management System.

Criteria Used:

- Table 1 shows all clinical claims created between 2014 – 2019 YTD broken down by Service.
- This data is correct as of 03/07/2019.

Service	Claims Create Date						
	Number of Claims						
	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Grand Total
Surgery	206	203	209	234	226	108	1,186
Medicine	173	228	214	163	170	75	1,023
Maternity Services	143	148	136	150	144	81	802
Not Specified	0	1	1	0	98	96	196
Gynaecology	34	28	25	21	39	24	171
Health & Well-being	4	5	8	2	80	30	129
Radiology	12	13	20	18	14	7	84
Specialist Services	1	8	13	19	27	5	73
Dental	6	3	7	8	5	6	35
Other Services	7	4	12	4	3	2	32
Allied Health	0	4	1	6	5	12	28
Mental Health Services	2	6	2	3	4	1	18
Laboratory Services	5	0	0	1	3	0	9
Ambulance Service (Road and Air)	0	0	1	2	3	1	7
Radiotherapy	2	0	1	3	0	0	6
Older Persons	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
Mental Health Inpatient	0	0	0	1	4	1	6
Disability Services (Residential)	2	1	0	1	1	0	5
Retrieval & Transfer Service	0	1	0	3	0	0	4
Mental Health Outpatient	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
First Responder Service	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Anaesthesia	1	0	1	0	0	0	2
Grand Total	601	654	654	640	827	450	3,826

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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.

Claim Create Date: Official date that the claim was created on NIMS. If a record is first logged to the system as a claim, the "Claim Create Date" and "Create Date" will be the same, however, if a record was once an incident and subsequently transitioned into a claim, the "Claim Create Date" will differ from the "Create Date", with the "Create Date" representing the date the incident was first recorded, and the "Claim Create Date" representing the date the record transitioned to a Claim

Service: States which medical specialty an incident occurred under, e.g. surgery, anaesthesia, dental, maternity, etc.