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**Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/22/169**  
**Clinical Negligence Claims**

I write regarding a Freedom of Information request on clinical negligence claims and would be grateful if you could answer the following questions:

**1. The number of clinical negligence claims in 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22:**

- **2019** 108 claims,
- **2020** 65 claims
- **and, 2021** 56 claims.

**2. The number of clinical negligence claims settled in 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22;**

After considering your request, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) believes that Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 applies in this instance and is refusing your request. The reason for relying on this exemption is set out below.

Under Section 21 of the Act, an organisation does not have to respond to a request if the information being sought is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. The UHB has applied this exemption to your request as the information you are seeking is available in the public domain. Under our Section 16 obligation to advise and assist, I can confirm that the relevant data can be found via the below link:

<https://cavuhb.nhs.wales/about-us/governance-and-assurance/annual-reports-and-accounts/>

**3. The total number of outstanding claims against the Board; at this current point in time?**

The UHB can confirm that there are 203 claims ongoing at 31st March 2022.

**4. Total payments made in respect of clinical negligence claims in 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22;**

Please refer to the response given to question two.

**5. If possible, the top three categories of clinical negligence claims**

The top three common themed categories fall into delay to diagnosis, failure to diagnose and treat and substandard procedure/care received.

