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Detail of request:

- 1) How much has Barking, Havering and Redbridge NHS Trust paid out in compensation claims last year and what are the current figures for this year? What are the current figures for last year?
- 2) What proportions of these claims are for different kinds of medical claims? (Head injuries, childbirth, etc.).
- 3) What proportion of these claims are from each of the hospitals? (Barking, Queen's and King George).

I would very much appreciate a summary of the information and the raw data.

Detail of response:

- 1) The amount Barking, Havering and Redbridge NHS Trust has paid out in compensation claims in the last financial year, 2006/07 can be obtained via Factsheet 5 on the NHS Litigation Authority website

As such, in accordance with Section 21, information accessible by other means, I am not required to duplicate this information for you. However, for your ease of reference, the direct link to the factsheet page is as follows:
<http://www.nhsla.com/NR/rdonlyres/B3BDE19C-5420-47A3-AF99-85FA0AEF0EAB/0/NHSLAFactsheet5200607.xls>

We are unable to give financial data for the current of any partial financial year on the grounds that it is incomplete, unaudited and thus potentially unreliable. This information will be published on the NHSLA factsheet in due course, ie. at the end of the financial year 2007/08.

As such, any information held is exempt under Section 22 - information intended for future publication as advised above.

- 2) Payments made in 2006/07 will relate largely to claims notified in earlier financial years, particularly where claims are large or complex. In addition, the payments do not necessarily relate to the complete sums paid to the Claimant as some damages are paid out in part and not necessarily as a lump sum. Therefore, we are unable reliably to identify the claims and type of injury that these particular payments refer to.

- 3) With respect to what proportions of these claims are from our different sites, we are unable to separate these, as in point 2 above. Payments made in 2006/07 may relate to claims notified to the Trust in earlier financial years and can even go back 10 years or more. It is therefore not always possible to relay what specific sites these claims relate to and therefore such information would be unreliable and potentially inaccurate.

Additional information:

Details of complaints procedure, and Section 50 decision notice provided.