

April 2012

For each hospital in your trust I wish to know the following:

1. The total number of patients who have been operated on incorrectly – i.e. have had surgery in the wrong place in the body or have had a body part removed in error

There were 3 patients who were operated on incorrectly during the calendar year 2010 (May, August and November).

There was 1 patient who was operated on incorrectly during the calendar year 2011 (August).

None of the above involved removal of a body part in error. None of the cases resulted in any harm to the patient and might appropriately have been regarded as near misses rather than actual incidents.

2. The amount of financial compensation paid out.

We are not aware of any claims in relation to any of the above incidents.

The NHS Litigation Authority (NHSLA) handles most legal claims on behalf of all NHS bodies in England. It operates a risk-pooling scheme for NHS organisations which provides indemnity cover for claims occurring after 1 April 1995.

Information concerning the damages and the costs paid out by the NHSLA on behalf of this Trust is available within the NHSLA fact sheet situated on the Authority's website: [NHS Litigation Authority](http://www.nhs.uk/nhsliat).

I wish to have all the above information for this for the last five years (since Jan 1 2007 – Dec 31 2011) and broken down year by year.

We are not aware of any claims in relation to any of the above incidents.