Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of the 29 March 2017 which we have considered in accordance with s.1(1) Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). You have requested the following information:

I’m writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request a detailed breakdown of compensation awarded to patients affected by Mr Paterson. This request relates to all and any patients treated under or by Ian Paterson within the Heart of England NHS Foundation Trust, covering Heartlands, Good Hope and Solihull Hospitals, over any period of time. In order to assist you with this request I am outlining my query as specifically as possible, and ask that you please provide:

- The total amount of compensation paid out by the Trust to patients of Mr Paterson
- The number of people who have received compensation from the Trust as a result of Mr Paterson
- The number of people who signed confidentiality agreements as part of receiving their compensation
- The largest pay out awarded to a single person
- A breakdown of how much paid out was in damages versus defence/claimant costs
- A breakdown of the compensation paid out over each year

Our response

I can confirm that NHS Resolution* holds some of the information you have requested.

- **The total amount of compensation paid out by the Trust to patients of Mr Paterson**
  
  NHS Resolution has paid a total of £9,538,458.00

- **The number of people who have received compensation from the Trust as a result of Mr Paterson**
  
  237 claims have been resolved with a compensation payment.

- **The number of people who signed confidentiality agreements as part of receiving their compensation**
  
  I can confirm that we do not hold any confidentiality agreements. It should be noted that we are unable to confirm this on behalf of individual Trusts, who would need to be contacted separately to ascertain whether any such agreements exist.

- **The largest pay out awarded to a single person**
  
  £320,000

- **A breakdown of how much paid out was in damages versus defence/claimant costs**
  
  Claimant costs - £4,550,733.90
  Defence costs - £3,763,409.00

- **A breakdown of the compensation paid out over each year**
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This concludes our response to your request.

If you are not satisfied with the service that you have received in response to your information request, it is open to you to make a complaint and request a formal review of our decisions. If you choose to do this, you should write to Tinku Mitra, Head of Governance for the NHS LA, within 28 days of your receipt of this reply. Reviews of decisions made in relation to information requests are carried out by a person who was not involved in the original decision-making about the request.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a review of the decision by him. Generally, the Information Commissioner will not make a decision unless you have exhausted the local complaints procedure. The address of the Information Commissioner's Office is:

Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Kind regards

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*The NHS Litigation Authority is now known under a new operating name of NHS Resolution in order to better describe the combined activities of the NHS Litigation Authority (NHS LA - providing indemnity schemes for the NHS in England and resolving claims for compensation fairly), the National Clinical Assessment Service (NCAS - resolving concerns about the performance of practitioners) and the Family Health Services Appeal Unit (FHSAU - ensuring the prompt and fair resolution of appeals and disputes between primary care contractors and NHS England). Our services have a shared goal of reaching a resolution, whether that is around a claim, a concern about performance or a dispute between an NHS contractor and provider.*