

PRESS STATEMENT

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CLAIMS AGAINST MID STAFFORDSHIRE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

The National Health Service Litigation Authority manages compensation claims for the NHS. It has the greatest of sympathy with patients, their families and loved ones. There is no wish to make the litigation process difficult or protracted. Indeed it is hoped that the litigation process can be avoided entirely. It has therefore instructed its solicitors to deal fairly and speedily with claims arising from events considered by the Independent Inquiry into care provided by Mid-Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust.

Accordingly, the Litigation Authority will make proposals to settle claims where those claims fall properly to be met. Further, it invites patients, families and representatives of families who have not yet supplied details of their claims, to do so as quickly as possible, so that each claim can be evaluated as speedily as possible, and, where appropriate, settlement proposals made.

NOTES FOR EDITORS

1. The NHS Litigation Authority is a Special Health Authority which administers schemes in respect of clinical negligence claims brought against NHS bodies.
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