

**Reference Number:** FOI202223/365  
**From:** Commercial  
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**Subject:** Clinical staff who have sustained a workforce musculoskeletal disorder between 2018 and 2022 whilst undertaking patient handling activities

Description of Request

Clinical staff who have sustained a workforce musculoskeletal disorder (MSD) – 2018 to 2022 whilst undertaking patient handling activities in each NHS England healthcare organisation

Would it be possible for you to provide the following information:

- Q1 Number of workplace patient handling MSD's / injuries per 1000 clinical staff?
- A1 [Between 2018-2022 there was 16 patient handling MSD's / injuries.](#)
- Q2 Body locations for the reported workplace patient handling MSD's / injury? For example neck, arms, back, hip, legs, other
- A2 [8 were back injuries](#)  
[2 were lower back/shoulders](#)  
[1 was a rotator cuff/tore shoulder](#)  
[2 were lower back](#)  
[1 was a hernia](#)  
[1 was a wrist](#)  
[1 was the right shoulder/neck](#)
- Q3 Number of moving and handling / safe patient handling leads for each healthcare organisation?
- A3 [1 facilitator supporting 17 patient handling key trainers and 6 load handling key trainers across the Trust](#)
- Q4 Number of moving and handling / safe patient handling facilitators for each clinical environment?
- A4 [Surgical Division: 12 \(Theatres 8\)](#)  
[Medical Division: 4](#)  
[Community: 1](#)  
[Corporate/Facilities: 6 \(Load Handling\)](#)
- Q5 Number of RIDDOR reportable workplace patient handling MSD's / injury reported?
- A5 [18-19: 2](#)  
[19-20: 3](#)  
[20-21: 3](#)  
[21-22: 3](#)
- Q6 Average sickness absence cost including replacement staff?

A6 The Average Yearly Absence Estimated Cost for Other musculoskeletal problems for all staff except for Admin and Clerical Staff and Estates & Facilities Ancillary Staff is £300,233.54. The cost of replacement staff can't be included in this calculation as it's not centrally recorded within HR how departments replace staff absent due to sickness.

Q7 Number of litigation cases made per year?

A7 Zero

Q8 The legal costs to the NHS of defending workplace patient handling caregiver injury claims per year.

A8 Zero

Q9 The amount of money paid out in compensation / settlement costs to claimants per year.

A9 Zero

Q10 How many claims were settled out of court per year

A10 Zero