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**WRITTEN ASSEMBLY QUESTION  
FOR ANSWER BY  
THE CABINET SECRETARY FOR HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES  
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**Angela Burns (Carmarthen West and South Pembrokeshire):** Further to WAQ76448, how many clinical negligence claims were made by each of Wales's health boards, and what subsequent payments were made as a result of these to the Welsh risk pool for 2017/18? WAQ76785

**Vaughan Gething:** Information on the clinical negligence claims made against health boards is contained in their annual statutory accounts, which are laid before the Assembly each year once they have been audited. The information is contained in the 'Losses and Special Payments' note in the accounts. The information provided in response to WAQ76448 has been updated to include 2017-18 and is shown below for all seven local health boards, detailing the number of clinical negligence cases for which payments were made and the value of the cash payments made.

Number of clinical negligence payments made:

LHB	ABMU	Aneurin Bevan	Betsi Cadwaladr	Cardiff and Vale	Cwm Taf	Hywel Dda	Powys	Total
2013-14	102	158	98	105	118	54	8	643
2014-15	97	161	110	152	97	68	17	702
2015-16	84	139	137	152	104	56	14	686
2016-17	90	154	164	142	133	67	9	759
2017-18	125	140	193	151	116	58	9	792

Value of clinical negligence cash payments made:

LHB	ABMU	Aneurin Bevan	Betsi Cadwaladr	Cardiff and Vale	Cwm Taf	Hywel Dda	Powys	Total
2013-14	12,758,197	12,355,211	9,593,651	6,208,234	11,815,580	5,691,121	5,627,536	64,049,530
2014-15	8,991,377	13,453,544	8,382,275	12,855,105	9,882,095	10,069,427	4,297,359	67,931,182
2015-16	9,221,640	7,919,952	8,200,416	16,749,593	8,847,716	3,876,870	1,774,036	56,590,223
2016-17	14,744,612	16,447,154	11,475,968	16,504,873	8,594,338	3,931,762	54,877	71,753,584
2017-18	21,882,532	8,185,124	14,478,772	22,155,456	9,527,427	6,032,254	9,116,389	91,377,954

Source: Local Health Board Audited Accounts

The values given are the total cash payments by the local health board for clinical negligence cases. The Welsh Risk Pool is a mutual NHS risk pooling arrangement which reimburses local health boards and NHS Trusts for the costs of clinical negligence claims. Payments for cases exceeding £25,000 included in the tables above will have been recovered from the Welsh Risk Pool by the local health boards.

For 2017-18 the Personal Injury Discount Rate was changed by the Lord Chancellor from 2.5% to -0.75% which has significantly increased the costs of lump sum settlements for all personal injury claims, including those for clinical negligence.

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