

# Medical Negligence: facts and figures

Since peaking in 2013/14, the number of new clinical and non-clinical

**claims reported has continued to fall** during the last three financial years.



In 2016-17, the NHS made clinical negligence payments of **£1,707.2 million**, an increase of **£218.7 million** from 2015-16.



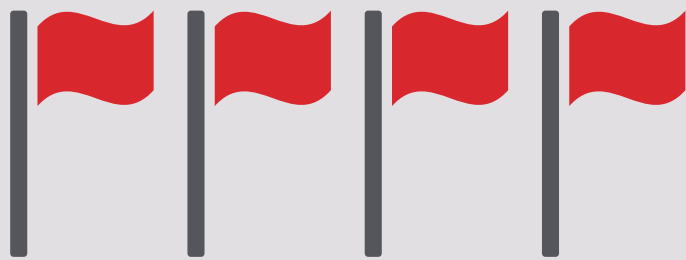
Full-time **GPs** are now twice as likely to be sued for **medical negligence** as they were a decade ago.



In 2016, the General Medical Council received **9,331 enquiries**, of which **88% were complaints**, regarding concerns about a doctor's fitness to practise.



In 2016-17, the NHS received more than **208,000 written complaints**, the equivalent of **4,008** written complaints a week.



A 2016 study found that **20%** of bowel cancer patients, **17.5%** of colon cancer patients and **23%** of rectal cancer patients had displayed **red flag symptoms** for up to a year before their diagnosis.

Research shows that almost **a third** of heart attack patients in England and Wales are being **misdiagnosed initially**.



A study by the National Patient Safety Agency found that **gynaecological, skin, urological** and **breast cancers** were most commonly associated with a **delayed diagnoses**.

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