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Thank you for your request concerning Clinical Staff with Musculoskeletal Disorder.

Your request has been considered and processed in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

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:

1. Number of workplace patient handling MSD's / injuries per 1000 clinical staff?

Since 2018 to date there have been 31 MSD injuries to clinical staff.

2. Body locations for the reported workplace patient handling MSD's / injury? For example neck, arms, back, hip, legs, other

	Other	Arm(s)	Back (lower)	Back (upper)	Cheek(s)	Finger(s)	Hand(s)	Head	Hip(s)	Shoulder(s)	Total
2018	0	0	*	*	0	0	*	0	0	0	6
2019	*	0	*	*	*	*	*	*	0	*	13
2020	0	0	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	*
2021	0	0	*	*	0	0	0	0	0	0	*
2022	0	*	*	*	0	0	0	0	*	*	6
Total	*	*	10	*	*	*	*	*	*	6	31

Due to the small numbers of some body locations reported in any one year we have applied Exemption Section 40(2)¹. This is because entries of 5 or less are considered sufficiently small enough to be potentially identifiable data. On this basis, this information is exempt from the duty to publish. However, where possible we have provided you with an overall figure².

3. Number of moving and handling / safe patient handling leads for each healthcare organisation?

We have one Moving and Handling Lead.

¹ Section 40(2) - Personal Data has been applied. This is because by releasing this information could identify individual(s) and constitute a breach of the Data Protection Act (2018).

² Section 16 – Duty to provide advice and assistance

4. Number of moving and handling / safe patient handling facilitators for each clinical environment?

We are in the process of rolling out three Moving and Handling Champions.

5. Number of RIDDOR reportable workplace patient handling MSD's / injury reported?

Four

6. Average sickness absence cost including replacement staff?

The average absence cost for staff off with MSD between January 2018 and October 2022 is £1,229.96.

7. Number of litigation cases made per year?

Zero

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

Not applicable.

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

Not applicable.

10. How many claims were settled out of court per year

Not applicable.

Should you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

Sue Smith

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Information Rights Officer**

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