

Figure 1. Total number and value of claims reported by the NHS Litigation Authority according to category over a ten year period⁹

Category	Number of Claims	(%)	Total value	(%)
Accident	58	1.14	£728,796	0.02
Anaesthetic	172	3.38	£19,249,853	0.61
Antenatal care	391	7.68	£144,811,665	4.64
Antenatal investigations	230	4.52	£149,986,770	4.81
Bladder	72	1.41	£8,824,269	0.28
Caesarean section	674	13.24	£216,167,223	6.93
Cerebral palsy	542	10.65	£1,263,581,324	40.52
CTG interpretation	300	5.89	£466,393,771	14.95
Drug error	83	1.63	£8,759,430	0.28
Management of labour	715	14.05	£424,039,651	13.60
Maternal death	38	0.74	£20,253,906	0.64
Nursing care	35	0.68	£511,700	0.01
Operative vaginal delivery	160	3.14	£93,659,223	3.00
Other	265	5.20	£40,252,783	1.29
Perineal trauma	441	8.66	£31,202,836	1.00
Postpartum haemorrhage	111	2.18	£3,024,833	0.1
Psychological	28	0.55	£681,791	0.02
Retained swabs	186	3.65	£3,021,910	0.1
Shoulder dystocia	250	4.91	£103,520,832	3.32
Stillbirth	251	4.93	£15,712,695	0.50
Uterine rupture	85	1.67	£103,264,627	3.31
Total	5,087		£3,117,649,888	