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Dear Mr. Walsh,

Thank you for your request of 12 July 2011 under the Freedom of Information Act (2000). Your exact request was:

*"Please supply any assessment or estimate you hold of the impact on the number and cost implications of clinical negligence claims against the NHS of the proposed legal reforms contained in the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Bill, or of the Ministry of Justice's consultations or responses to consultations on Civil Litigation Costs and Reform of Legal Aid. Please include any relevant letter or memorandum as well as any report."*

The Department of Health does not hold any information relevant to your request.

I should explain that your request falls under the remit of the NHS Litigation Authority (NHSLA) and as a separate body under the Freedom of Information Act, I would advise that you contact them directly. Details on how to do so can be found at the following address:

<http://www.nhsla.com/foi/>

If you have any queries about this email, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Head of the Freedom of Information Team  
Department of Health  
Room 317  
Richmond House  
79 Whitehall,  
London  
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Email: [freedomofinformation@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@dh.gsi.gov.uk)

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Department. The ICO can be contacted at: