

Did you know?

**Working to prevent avoidable
venous thromboembolism**



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Venous thromboembolism (VTE) is an international patient safety issue and a clinical priority for the NHS. Around half of all cases of VTE are associated with hospitalisation, with many events occurring up to 90 days after admission. It is a leading and preventable cause of death in an estimated 25,000 of hospitalised patients each year.

NHS Resolution received 1629 claims related to VTE between 1 April 2013 and 31 March 2019. Of these, **828** claims were settled and compensation was paid, 333 were open and 468 were closed without payment made. However, there were legal costs associated with these claims. The cost to the NHS was **£163,453,930** in damages and legal costs (for both claimants and NHS Resolution).

£97,007,469

Damages paid

£57,040,074

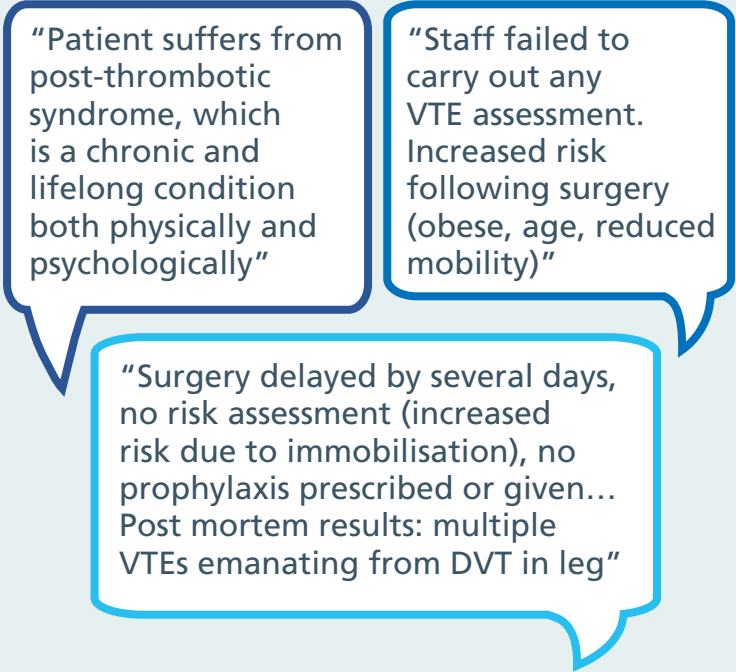
Claimant legal costs

£11,937,703

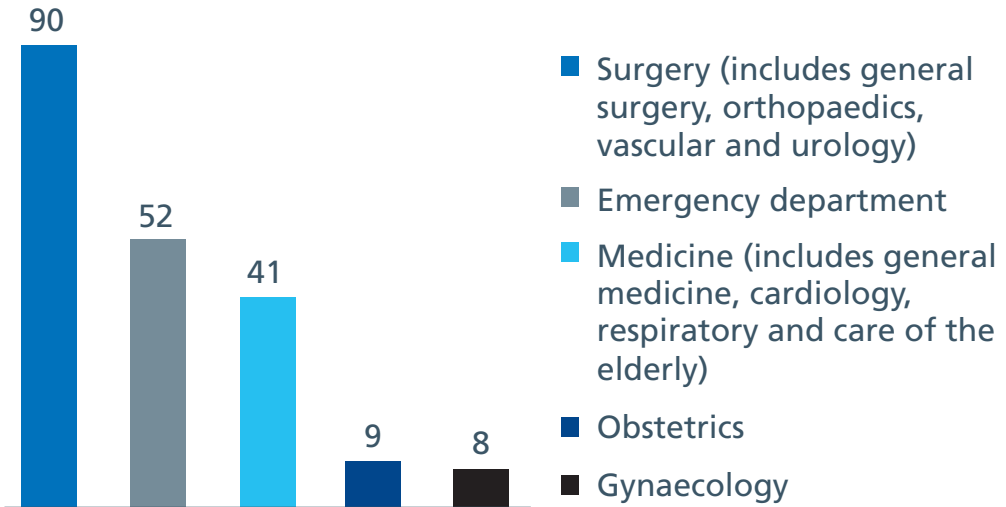
NHS legal costs



Costs are not just financial



Where is it happening?



What can you do?

Have you completed VTE training?
Are you aware of the VTE risk factors?

Resources

<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/ng89>
<http://bit.ly/VTErelateddeathsafter90days>

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