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## **Commenting on the changes to the NHSLA announced by Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt -**

### **Emma Hallinan, MPS Director of Claims Policy and Technical, said:**

“The NHS’s provision for clinical negligence claims has increased dramatically in recent years, so a fresh and more preventative approach to managing claims is timely, and will hopefully reduce the number of costly court cases. The fact remains however that last year alone £1.5bn was spent on clinical negligence by the NHS at a time when it is under significant pressure. We desperately need a system which ensures compensation is reasonable for patients who have experienced clinical negligence, but is also affordable to society. The case for a whole package of legal reforms which tackle the root of the problem is becoming ever more pressing.”

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