



Briefing Paper

Case Statistics 01.04.26 – 30.06.26

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Risk, Assurance & Improvement Bd	14/09/2026	Yes	T/DCC noted the comprehensive report and update covering civil claims and other legal proceedings during the period 01.04.26 – 30.06.26. Evolve colleagues were asked to produce a trend analysis over a longer historical period of civil claims, payments and outcomes, including comparison data from other Forces and identification of preventable themes and interventions so that NYP can determine whether its position is materially different from comparable organisations.
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Document Purpose

- To provide statistics relating to civil claims and other legal proceedings against North Yorkshire Police (NYP) for the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026.
- To provide details of the number of open cases with reserves as at 30 June 2026.

Background Information

- Public liability claims arise out of allegations of wrongful arrest/false imprisonment, negligence, assault, malicious prosecution, personal injury and damage to property. Evolve Legal Services (ELS) act for the Chief Constable (CC) and the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority (YNYCA) Policing, Fire and Crime Directorate in respect of such claims.
- Employers' liability and third party motor claims arising from an incident of 1 April 2026 onwards are now handled in house. If the claim reaches the notification threshold set by NYP's insurers then the claims may be handled by external claims handlers who in turn could instruct external solicitors if and as required. ELS investigate and co-ordinate the response to such claims.
- ELS also act for CC and OPFCC in relation to other legal matters including, but not limited to:
 - Judicial Review
 - Employment Law
 - Police Officer/Staff Misconduct
 - Inquests
 - Civil Orders, for example sexual risk, domestic violence, proceeds of crime and dangerous dogs
 - Licensing, for example firearms, gambling, liquor and sex establishments
 - Property/Commercial
 - Public Inquiries
 - Operations
 - Disclosure and information sharing

Matters for Consideration

- **Public Liability Claims**

Numbers of public liability claims for both the Chief Constable and YNYCA Policing, Fire and Crime Directorate are set out below. These figures are for claims opened under the one main head of claim, however, please note that one claim may be brought under several heads of claim.

Chief Constable

	01/04/25 – 30/06/25	01/07/25 – 30/09/25	01/10/25 – 31/12/25	01/01/26 – 31/03/26	01/04/26 – 30/06/26
Assault/Battery	1	0	2	0	1
Breach of Data Protection	2	4	1	5	3
Discrimination	0	0	0	0	1
Intellectual Property	0	0	0	1	0
False Imprisonment	11	15	12	18	15
Harassment	0	0	0	0	1
Human Rights	0	1	0	2	3
Malicious Prosecution	1	0	0	0	1
Misfeasance in a Public Office	0	0	1	0	0
Property (Buildings)	2	1	8	5	6
Property (Personal)	7	11	11	8	8
Negligence	0	0	3	0	3
Total	24	32	38	39	42

- The new claims received in the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026 are currently estimated to represent a potential liability for damages of £184,906. The potential liability in respect of claimant solicitor's costs is £192,900 and for NYP defence costs (Counsel, external solicitor's and disbursements) is £65,000. These figures consist of payments made and professional estimates based on the information received to date from the claimant.
- A claim form is the document used to commence proceedings in the Civil Courts. In the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026 no claim forms were received in relation to this category.
- A claim is closed where either:
 - The matter is settled without proceedings being issued, or
 - The matter concludes following trial or other disposal hearing at court, or
 - Liability has been denied and no further correspondence has been received from the claimant for a period of at least six months.
- In the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026, 25 claims were closed. Payments made for these claims in respect of damages amounted to £10,770. £13,300 was paid in respect of claimant solicitor's costs and nothing was paid in respect of NYP defence costs, as the claims were handled in house.

YNYCA Policing, Fire and Crime Directorate

	01/04/25 – 30/06/25	01/07/25 – 30/09/245	01/10/25 – 31/12/25	01/01/26 – 31/03/26	01/04/26 – 30/06/26
Total	0	0	0	0	0

- No files were opened during the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026.
- A claim form is the document used to commence proceedings in the Civil Courts. In the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026 no claim forms were received in relation to this category.
- The file closure criteria described at paragraph 2.7 are also applied to these cases. During the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026 no claims were closed.
- **Employers Liability Claims**

The number of employer's liability claims received for the Chief Constable are set out below.

	01/04/25 – 30/06/25	01/07/25 – 30/09/25	01/10/25 – 31/12/25	01/01/26 – 31/03/26	01/04/26 – 30/06/26
Slip, Trip, Fall on Same Level	0	0	1	1	0
Injured During Training	1	0	2	1	0
Injured by an Animal	0	1	0	0	0
Hit by a Moving, Flying or Falling Object	0	0	0	1	0
Total	1	1	3	3	0

- During the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026 no files were opened.
- One claim form was received in relation to this category during the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026.
- The file closure criteria described at paragraph 2.7 are also applied to these cases. During the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026 two claim were closed. Liability was denied for both matters. One issued following the denial but then discontinued proceedings prior to the hearing. £35,835 was paid in respect of NYP's defence costs.
- **Third Party Motor Claims**

The number of third party motor claims opened are set out below.

	01/04/25 - 30/06/25	01/07/25 - 30/09/25	01/10/25 - 31/12/25	01/01/26 - 31/03/26	01/04/26 - 30/06/26
Damage	4	12	8	16	9
Injury	3	1	1	4	2
Total	7	13	9	20	11

- The files opened in the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026 are currently estimated to represent a potential liability in damages of £50,674. The potential liability in respect of claimant solicitor's costs and NYP defence costs (Counsel, external solicitor's and disbursements) is nil. These figures

consist of payments made and professional estimates based on the information received to date from the claimant.

- Two claim forms were received for cases in this category during the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026.
- The file closure criteria described at paragraph 2.7 are also applied to these cases. During the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026, 12 claims were closed. Payments made for these claims in respect of claimant damages amounted to £12,159. £1,296 was paid in respect of claimant solicitor's costs and nil for NYP defence costs, as no external solicitors were instructed. The figures provided in respect of payments include the full cost of the claim, i.e. including the amount paid by insurers.
- **Other Claims**

The number of other claims opened are set out below.

	01/04/25 - 30/06/25	01/07/25 - 30/09/25	01/10/25 - 31/12/25	01/01/26 - 31/03/26	01/04/26 - 30/06/26
Employment Tribunal	1	0	1	3	3
Judicial Review	0	1	3	1	3

- During the period 1 April 2026 to 30 June 2026 two files were closed in respect of employment tribunal and one for judicial review claims.
- **Open Cases**
- I detail below all open cases as at 30 June 2026 for NYP (so, not just those opened in the previous quarter) which are being handled by Evolve Legal Services, where a financial estimate has been allocated by the handler based on the information received to date. I have also specified whether the estimate would be met from the provision or revenue budget.

File Type	Number of Open Cases with Reserves	Estimate to be Paid from Provision £	Estimate to be Paid from Revenue £
Public Liability and Ex Gratia	121	771,451	84,156
Employers Liability	12	379,341	0
Third Party Motor	52	440,919	43,354
Motor Own Damage	11	30,150	37,039
Employment	38	987,117	319,980
Other	22	49,582	14,884
Total	256	2,658,560	499,413

- The other file type category includes Civil Orders, for example Dangerous Dogs, Domestic Violence Protection, Cash Seizure, Sexual Harm Prevention and Sexual Risk, Estates, Disclosure, Firearms Licensing, Inquests, Judicial Review, Operational Advice and Enquiries.

- Not all of these files will be settled in the current financial year and some claims may be successfully defended with no payments made.

Decisions Required

- No decision is required as the paper is for information only.