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## Northern Ireland NHS Employers Vicarious Liability

All NHS employers must have arrangements in place to cover clinical negligence claims against them.

The arrangements are described in the documents for England, Wales and Scotland.

A similar arrangement applies in Northern Ireland but, unlike the other 3 countries, there is **NO** statement to the effect that the employers will not seek to recover damages from their employees. Although the Trusts who have been approached have stated that they would not seek to recover damages from an employee there is no written safeguard. It is therefore recommended that registered healthcare professionals whose professional code of conduct or code of ethics requires them to have professional indemnity arrangements in place, who are working in Northern Ireland, have their own professional indemnity insurance. It is up to the individual which source of insurance they purchase.

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