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Table 1: Total number of finalised legal aid grants relating to historic abuse in state care (HAC), by whether they had any repayment amounts by year, between 1 January 2020 and 31 July 2025.

Year	Finalised HAC grants	With repayment amounts	With repayment conditions
2020	94	66	0
2021	109	84	1
2022	84	68	0
2023	65	52	0
2024	44	25	0
2025*	3	1	0
Total	399	296	1

Notes:

This table reflects the number of legal aid grants related to historic abuse in care claims that have a repayment amount. However, abuse in care claimants are exempt from making final repayments, provided they do not elect to withdraw aid. Instead, the Ministry has arrangements with other Crown agencies, who will contribute a proportion of the repayments amount. Other parties, such as faith-based institutions, may also contribute to the costs of the case.

The survivors are not required to repay any remaining cost of services in their cases, and it will generally be written off under just and equitable grounds.

This data includes legal aid grants where the matter type is one of: Exemplary Damage(s), Historic Abuse Claim pre-July 1993, Historical Abuse ADR (alternative dispute resolution), Human Rights, or Historic Abuse.

*2025 is a partial year covering the period 1 January 2025 to 31 July 2025.

This report contains data drawn from a database that is subject to change, as new data is continually recorded and/or recoded.