



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-665

Date: 17th February 2025

Email foi@uhnm.nhs.uk

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email 6th January 2025 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Assault attendances to Emergency Department

Q1 I write to you on behalf of the [REDACTED]. We are conducting an annual national study of attendances to Emergency Departments for assault-related injury and will be grateful if your department could provide us with attendance data for 2024. This data will be used, as in previous years, to analyse trends in violence in England and Wales from injury perspective. You can read more about the group and how your data has been used by following this link:

[REDACTED]

The data we require are as follows (for period 1st January 2024 and 31st December 2024) in an electronic format that allows us to read the data into a database. Many hospitals respond to our survey and provide data in the form we require. Preferably this format is in an excel file or comma separated text file.

Data required (for period between 1st January 2024 and 31st December 2024)

- We require the gender of the patient (M or F), the date that they attended due to assault (dd/mm/yyyy) and their age. Age can either be numerical to the nearest year (preferred) or in age bands ("0-10", "11-17", "18-30", "31-50", "51+"), we can also accept date of birth.
- To calculate the level of assault-related injury in England and Wales we also require the total number of attendances for any reason in the year of interest, i.e., 2024.
- Please also include the names of hospitals (including Minor Injury Units and Walk-in Centres) providing assault data.

The Data Protection Act places restrictions on what data can be shared. It is the view of over 200 hospitals in England and Wales that the data we are requesting (age, date of attendance and gender) do not constitute personal information and that it is not realistic to expect that information to be used to discover an individual's identity.

A1 The total number of Emergency Department attendances for 2024 was 168,131.

Please see spreadsheet for data.

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries relating to the response please contact my office

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Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

Yours,





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