

ED Attendance - Assault/ Injury 2023

Reference Number: RDF2203-24

Date of Response: 07/02/24

Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please supply attendances to Emergency Departments for assault-related injury for attendance data for 2023.

Data required (for period between 1st January 2023 and 31st December 2023)

- 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., 2023.*
- Please also include the names of hospitals (including Minor Injury Units and Walk-in Centres) providing assault data.*

Trust answer: - Please find attached the following:

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The Trust applies the following exemption: Section 40 (3) and 40 (2):

Under Section 16 of the Freedom of Information Act, in a bid to assist, when not subject to Section 40 Freedom of Information Exemption, the Trust has supplied monthly data.

Section 40 3 (a):

The Trust can confirm that the requested information is held. The Trust has carefully considered your request for the data to be broken down into date of attendance and age (or banding). It has however declined to provide the specific details of the events under Section 40, sections 3(a) of the Freedom of Information Act.

The Trust recognises that whilst the information requested does not itself identify the patient(s), the questions are asking for extremely specific and focused details, and to provide this detail would create a potential for the patient(s) concerned to be identified. The reason for this is that the data requested relates to the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust only and the associated departments. Therefore, it relates to patients treated in specific locations (rather than covering a larger geographical area). This increases the risk of identification or self-identification. This in turn could cause distress to the individuals concerned.

The Trust believes that the release of such sensitive information meets the definition of personal data, and disclosing the information would contravene one of the data protection principles set out in article 5 of the UK GDPR..

*<5 Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act:

Please note that in accordance with Section 40 (2) where activity is 5 or less than 5, the Trust is unable to provide the exact information. We consider the data exempt on the following grounds:

The Trust's view is that Section .40(2) is applicable because disclosure of information potentially identifying individuals would be a breach of the patient's rights under the Data Protection Act Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the GDPR, namely Principle 1.

SITE NAME	ATTENDANCE MONTH	GENDER	NUMBER OF ATTENDANCES
WONFORD ED	1	F	7
WONFORD ED	1	M	17
WONFORD ED	2	F	9
WONFORD ED	2	M	15
WONFORD ED	3	F	8
WONFORD ED	3	M	14
WONFORD ED	4	F	7
WONFORD ED	4	M	16
WONFORD ED	5	F	6
WONFORD ED	5	M	21
WONFORD ED	6	F	6
WONFORD ED	6	M	21
WONFORD ED	7	F	7
WONFORD ED	7	M	17
WONFORD ED	8	F	6
WONFORD ED	8	M	23
WONFORD ED	9	F	11
WONFORD ED	9	M	17
WONFORD ED	10	F	8
WONFORD ED	10	M	20
WONFORD ED	11	F	6
WONFORD ED	11	M	18
WONFORD ED	12	F	7
WONFORD ED	12	M	22
HONITON MIU	2	M	*<5
HONITON MIU	3	F	*<5
HONITON MIU	4	F	*<5
HONITON MIU	4	M	*<5
HONITON MIU	7	F	*<5
HONITON MIU	7	M	*<5
HONITON MIU	9	M	*<5
HONITON MIU	10	M	*<5
HONITON MIU	11	F	*<5
HONITON MIU	11	M	*<5
HONITON MIU	12	F	*<5
HONITON MIU	12	M	*<5
SIDWELL STREET WIC	2	M	*<5
SIDWELL STREET WIC	3	F	*<5
SIDWELL STREET WIC	4	F	*<5
SIDWELL STREET WIC	7	M	*<5
SIDWELL STREET WIC	8	F	*<5
SIDWELL STREET WIC	8	M	*<5
SIDWELL STREET WIC	12	M	*<5
NDDH ED	1	F	7
NDDH ED	1	M	13
NDDH ED	2	F	*<5
NDDH ED	2	M	7
NDDH ED	3	F	8
NDDH ED	3	M	*<5

SITE NAME	ATTENDANCE MONTH	GENDER	NUMBER OF ATTENDANCES
NDDH ED	4	F	*<5
NDDH ED	4	M	16
NDDH ED	5	F	*<5
NDDH ED	5	M	*<5
NDDH ED	6	F	*<5
NDDH ED	6	M	12
NDDH ED	7	F	8
NDDH ED	7	M	16
NDDH ED	8	F	*<5
NDDH ED	8	M	7
NDDH ED	9	F	11
NDDH ED	9	M	10
NDDH ED	10	F	*<5
NDDH ED	10	M	12
NDDH ED	11	F	*<5
NDDH ED	11	M	8
NDDH ED	12	F	8
NDDH ED	12	M	*<5