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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to drug and alcohol admissions for homeless patients 2014-2016.

1. How many homeless people (i.e. People with no fixed abode) have been admitted to hospitals within Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust for problems related to drugs? Could you please provide these figures for each of the last three calendar years?

2. How many homeless people (i.e. people with no fixed abode) have been admitted to hospitals within Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust for problems related to alcohol? Could you please provide these figures for each of the last three calendar years?

1.

Drug abuse	Total homeless patients
2014	25
2015	36
2016	33
Grand Total	94

2.

Alcohol abuse	Total homeless patients
2014	22
2015	22
2016	31
Grand Total	75

However, please be aware that some of these patients have codes for both drug and alcohol abuse in one admission, i.e. there were not a total of 94 drug abuse + 75 alcohol abuse as this would give a total of 169. There were in fact only 137 homeless patients who were admitted for drug and alcohol abuse as shown in the following table:

Drug or Alcohol abuse	Total homeless patients
2014	38
2015	47
2016	52
Grand Total	137