

Ref: FOI/CAD/ID 3574

Please reply to:
FOI Administrator
Trust Management
Service Centre
Maidstone Hospital
Hermitage Lane
Maidstone
Kent
ME16 9QQ
Email: mtw-tr.foiadmin@nhs.net

10 July 2017

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 Dog bites or attacks 2013 – 2016.

- 1. How many persons have been admitted to hospitals in your Trust for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?*
- 2. How many persons required inpatient treatment for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?*
- 3. How many persons required surgery for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?*
- 4. How many persons suffered fatal injuries for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?*
- 5. What the total cost of treating injuries caused by dog bites or attacks was to your trust?*

Please provide information for the following calendar years:

2013

2014

2015

2016 to date

1. and 2.

The Trust have answered these together as once a patient is admitted they become an inpatient. If Q1 relates to A&E or Out Patient appointments as a result of dog bites we would not be able to determine these patients as Outpatients are not coded and A&E codes are very broad so we would not be able to identify just dog bites. The broad code in A&E would cover 'Animal bites and stings', which would include all insect bites.

Total IP admissions (Qu 1 and 2)

	2013	2014	2015	2016 to Aug	Grand Total
Grand Total	22	32	29	22	105

3.

IP procedure undertaken (Qu 3)

	2013	2014	2015	2016 to Aug	Grand Total
Grand Total	16	16	18	14	64

4. None

5. In 2015/16 2016/17 there were no episodes with a primary diagnosis code within the specified range. No other data is available.
Data for the other years is not available. A&E files do not have a diagnosis code relating to dog bites.