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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 alcohol related illness in the under 14 year olds.

- 1. How many people under the age of 14 have been treated for alcohol related illness at your hospitals in 2014 and (as a separate figure) so far this year?*
- 2. What was the youngest person treated for alcohol related illness in those periods (separate figures)?*
- 3. How many people under the age of 14 have been treated for drug related illness at your hospitals in 2014 and (as a separate figure) so far this year?*
- 4. What was the youngest person treated in those periods (separate figures)?*

Caveats:

- a) Data has been collected from the inpatient datasets using the ICD10 codes relating to alcohol, and for recreational & proprietary drugs
- b) The diagnosis codes make no distinction between recreational use, abuse or accidental ingestion. Most of the younger patients are likely to be accidental
- c) For patients treated in A&E, the diagnosis codes include all poisonings. We have used the presenting complaint to manually remove records that are obviously irrelevant (for example, toddlers drinking fabric conditioner or eating berries), but left in anything related to a controlled, proprietary or prescription drug. Therefore a good percentage (just under half) of the total is young children drinking calpol.
- d) If a patient was admitted via A&E, they will be counted once in A&E and once in the Inpatient dataset if their presenting complaint is similar. However, if they presented at A&E drunk and injured, the injury

may be counted as the presenting complaint (therefore not counted) as that's what A&E treated, and then they were put in observation for monitoring until either fit for discharge or a decision to admit was made (which resulted in an alcohol related admission)

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Due to the very small number of cases and in order to protect patient confidentiality the Trust has therefore decided that such requests will normally be refused using the limitations available under Section 10 and Section 11 of the Data Protection Act 1998.

2. What was the youngest person treated for alcohol related illness in those periods (separate figures)?

Due to the very small number of cases and in order to protect patient confidentiality the Trust has therefore decided that such requests will normally be refused using the limitations available under Section 10 and Section 11 of the Data Protection Act 1998.

3. How many people under the age of 14 have been treated for drug related illness at your hospitals in 2014 and (as a separate figure) so far this year?

2014 - A&E: 73,
2015 - A&E: 51

Admitted - Due to the very small number of cases and in order to protect patient confidentiality the Trust has therefore decided that such requests will normally be refused using the limitations available under Section 10 and Section 11 of the Data Protection Act 1998.

4. What was the youngest person treated in those periods (separate figures)?

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