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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 A&E waiting times.

1) For all patients who are admitted from A&E, what is the average time from arrival in A&E to getting a bed on a ward? I would like this data from the period of September 2011 to September 2012 and the period of September 2016 to September 2017

(i) How many of these admitted patients went from arrival to a bed in under 4 hours?

(ii) How many went from arrival to a bed in under 12 hours?

(iii) How many went from arrival to a bed in over 12 hours?

Please see the following: Please note that a '12 hour breach' is not simply a patient that has gone more than 12 hours between arrival and their attendance conclusion. There may be perfectly legitimate clinical reasons for these to occur.

A 12 hour breach is defined as waiting more than 12 hours between the Decision to Admit and the Admission. These are fairly rare events (<5 per year).

01-Sep-11 to 31-Aug-12

1) 34,536 patients. Average time from A&E Arrival to disposal for admitted patients = 3.89 hours

2) Number under 4hrs = 26,741 (77.4%)

3) Number under 12hrs = 33,893 (98.1%)

4) Number 12hr or over = 644 (1.9%)

01-Sep-16 to 31-Aug-17

1) 42,957 patients. Average time from A&E arrival to disposal for admitted patients = 5.69 hours

2) Number under 4hrs = 27,886 (64.9%)

3) Number under 12hrs = 38,379 (89.3%)

4) Number 12hr or over = 4,578 (10.7%)