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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 related A&E admissions.

Please provide the following figures for each calendar year from 2013 to 2017:

- 1. The number of A&E attendances where the word 'cocaine' appears in the free-text diagnosis field.*
- 2. The number of A&E attendances where the word 'ecstasy' appears in the free-text diagnosis field.*
- 3. The number of A&E attendances where the word 'ketamine' appears in the free-text diagnosis field.*
- 4. The number of A&E attendances diagnosed as F14 under the ICD-10 classification system.*
- 5. The number of A&E attendances diagnosed as F15 under the ICD-10 classification system.*
- 6. The number of A&E attendances diagnosed as F16 under the ICD-10 classification system*

Please note: The Trust are unable to provide responses to questions 1, 2 and 3 as the free text is not robust enough to contain all instances. You would see free text such as 'over dose' rather than the specific drug used. Likewise, to use the appropriate A&E diagnosis code which would contain these cases we would just use the code which indicates 'poisoning' which again will cover far more than what has been asked for. In summary we do not have an accurate way to obtain what is being asked for here.

Questions 4, 5 and 6 of the request ask for A&E attendances with specified ICD10 diagnosis codes F14, F15 and F16. ICD10 coding is not used in the A&E attendances or in the symphony system. However, we have assumed that what is required is those which came via A&E and resulted in an inpatient admission and therefore had the ICD10 coding attached to their inpatient episode of F14, F15 or F16. We therefore attach the numbers by calendar year which we admitted inpatients that came with the admission method of 21 which is via A&E.

The following is the number of admissions which came via A&E with the specified ICD10 code below.				
F14* (i.e. F14.0 - F14.9)				
Year	No. of Admissions			
2013	32			
2014	44			
2015	57			
2016	72			
2017	78			
Grand Total	283			
F15* (i.e. F15.0 - F15.9)				
Year	No. of Admissions			
2013	18			
2014	22			
2015	12			
2016	16			
2017	13			
Grand Total	81			
F16* (i.e. F16.0 - F16.9)				
Year	No. of Admissions			
2013	7			
2014	8			
2015	4			
2016	3			
2017	4			
Grand Total	26			