

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells



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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 burns or scalds relating to hot water systems.

You asked:

The information required are statistics for burns/scalds to individuals who have been treated in hospital relating to hot water systems, specifically caused by:

- 1. The number of individuals who were scalded as a result of injuries caused by central heating radiators and associated pipework for 2017.*
- 2. The number of individuals who were scalded as a consequence of bath/sink immersion for 2017.*
- 3. Number of individuals who were scalded as a result of tap splash/spill for 2017.*
- 4. Number of individuals who were scalded from showers for 2017.*
- 5. Number of individuals who were admitted into hospital following burns/scalds received from the above.*

Trust response:

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust does not hold this information electronically in the required detail. Please note that all of the following are admissions which came via A&E, but any treatment in A&E which did not result in an admission is therefore not included in this data.

The system used in our A&E departments has a diagnosis code which covers burns/scalds and will include all heat related injuries without any indication as to cause of such burns.

Description	Number coded in 2017
Contact with hot tap water (bath shower)	<10
Contact with other hot fluids (water on hob)	10
Contact with steam and vapours	<10

Contact with hot air and gases	0
Contact with household appliances	<10
Contact with hot heating appliances, radiators and pipes	<10

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