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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 Self-harm attendances at A&E.

You asked:

- 1.) I would like to know the number of people aged 17 or younger who were admitted to A&E at hospitals in the trust after intentionally hurting themselves.*
- b.) I would like this information broken down by age group: 0-5, 6-11, 12-17.*
- c.) I would like this information broken down by gender: Male, Female*
- d.) I would like this information for the following years: 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 (so far).*

Trust response:

The system used in A&E does not have this level of detail. Self-harmers tend to be diagnosed as lacerations if they have cut themselves, or poisoning if it's an intentional overdose, and we are unable to distinguish between intentional or accidental injury from our datasets.