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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 mental health related issues.

You asked:

For each individual calendar year – 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 and also 2021 to date if possible.

1. The number of adults (aged 18+) that presented to A&E due to mental health related issues?

1.b - How many of these patients were admitted following a visit to A&E due to mental health?

2. The number of people aged under 18 who presented to A&E due to mental health related issues?

2.b -How many of these patients were admitted following a visit to A&E due to mental health?

Trust response:

Please note:

The Trust cannot provide accurate data for Questions 1a & 2a. As the A&E diagnostic coding is too broad, and concentrates on the actual issue being treated, so self-harm & overdose are classed as lacerations & poisoning, rather than coded as mental health.

Questions 1b&2b: We have included the admissions according to primary or secondary diagnoses. If we look at only primary diagnoses we will under-count it (for example, a suicide attempt will probably have a primary diagnosis of poisoning, because that is what is being acutely treated). If we look at only secondary diagnoses we will over-count it (for example, a broken leg being treated in a patient with bipolar disorder).

1b.

The number of patients admitted following a visit to A&E where the primary diagnosis is related to mental health issues:

Financial Year	Number of patients
2016-2017	314
2017-2018	812
2018-2019	926
2019-2020	1187
2020-2021 (till February)	924

The number of patients admitted following a visit to A&E where the secondary diagnoses is related to mental health issues:

For example, a patient can have a broken hip as a primary diagnosis, and dementia as a secondary diagnosis.

Financial Year	Number of patients
2016-2017	11390
2017-2018	12624
2018-2019	13915
2019-2020	14729
2020-2021 (till February)	10127

2b.

The number of patients admitted following a visit to A&E where the primary diagnosis is related to mental health issues:

Financial Year	Number of patients
2016-2017	14
2017-2018	38
2018-2019	52
2019-2020	38
2020-2021 (till February)	41

The number of patients admitted following a visit to A&E where the secondary diagnoses is related to mental health issues:

Financial Year	Number of patients
2016-2017	334
2017-2018	377
2018-2019	359
2019-2020	315
2020-2021 (till February)	185