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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 attendances associated to mental health.

You asked:

1. The number of patients who were brought to A&E (ED) by the ambulance service/paramedics with a presenting complaint related to mental health, each year, from 2010 to 2020.

Trust response:

Please note: The 2011 figure is estimated from a count of 325 between 01-Apr-11 and 31-Dec-11. We are unable to get figures before this date.

The ED Diagnosis tends to reflect the immediate acute condition needing treatment, so patients who have self-harmed will tend to receive a lacerations diagnosis, and patients who have attempted suicide by overdose will tend to get a poisoning diagnosis. The Trust can also get mental health crisis type patients who present with something else entirely, like abdominal pain or an incidental injury.

Counts of patients with an ED Diagnosis of 35: Psychiatric, with an arrival mode of 01: Ambulance to both sites in each calendar year

Year	Number
2011	486 (est)
2012	500
2013	613
2014	571
2015	617

2016	779
2017	867
2018	1,071
2019	1,038
2020	1,081