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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:

For the following calendar years 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 and 2017

- 1. In your NHS Trust, how many patients attended A&E for self harming?*
- 2. Can you please list age categories - under 10, 11-18, 19-30, 31-40 41-50, 51-60, 60 and over?*
- 3. Where possible within the cost limit can you provide details of gender?*
- 4. What was the age of the youngest patient who attended A&E for self harming?*

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.