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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 Extreme heat, effects of heat and light and sunburn.

*You asked:*

- 1. The number of A&E attendances on July 18, 2022 and July 19, 2022, with a primary or secondary diagnosis of:*
  - a. T67 Effects of heat and light*
  - b. L55 Sunburn*
- 2. The number of finished admission episodes on July 18, 2022 and July 19, 2022, with a primary or secondary diagnosis of:*
  - a. T67 Effects of heat and light*
  - b. L55 Sunburn*
- 3. The number of occasions on July 18, 2022, and July 19, 2022, where an occupied ward or clinical area had a daily maximum temperature exceeded 26°C.*

*- Please include each occupied ward or clinical area having a daily maximum of over 26°C as one incident (e.g. if two wards exceeded the daily maximum temperature for two days and one clinical area exceeded the threshold for one day then the number of occasions to be reported is five).*

Trust response:

1. The Trust is unable to answer this question as A&E attendances are not coded with ICD10 codes.
2. The Trust is able to provide this information, however, there is a 6-8 week backlog on clinical coding. This information is unlikely to be available until early to mid-September.
3. Please note that Air Handling Units at our main sites have a temperature recording retention period, meaning some data recorded on electronic

systems is unavailable. From the data available to us, we can provide the following information:

Maidstone Hospital

From the 22 areas we have been able to gather data for in response to this FOI, temperatures exceeded 26°C a total of 39 times over 18th and 19th of July 2022.

Tunbridge Wells Hospital

From the 18 areas we have been able to gather data for in response to this FOI, temperatures exceeded 26°C a total of 9 times over 18th and 19th of July 2022.