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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.

You asked: All questions are shown as received by the Trust.

- 1. How many attendances at your trust's accident and emergency department/s were because of self-inflicted injury in 2019?
- 2. How many attendances at your trust's accident and emergency department/s were because of self-inflicted injury in 2022?
- 3. How many of the recorded attendances for self-inflicted injury in 2019 and 2022 at your trust's accident and emergency department/s also had comorbidities of anxiety disorder or depressive disorder?
- 4. How many attendances at your trust's accident and emergency department/s were recorded (all types of attendances) in 2019 and 2022?

Trust response:

1-3: 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.

4.

Calendar Year 2019: 195,530 Calendar Year 2022: 227,830