

Ref FOI17 006
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Dear Sir/Madam

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Please find below/attached the Isle of Wight NHS Trust's response to your request.

We are conducting an annual national study of attendances to Emergency Departments for assault-related injury and would be grateful if your department could provide us with attendance data for 2016. This data will be used, as in previous years, to analyse trends in violence in England and Wales from injury perspective.

The data we require are as follows (for period 1st January 2016 and 31st December 2016) in an electronic format that allows us to read the data into a database. Many hospitals respond to our survey and provide data in the form we require. Preferably this format is in an excel file or comma separated text file.

We require the gender of the patient (M or F), the date that they attended due to assault (dd/mm/yyyy) and their age. Age can either be numerical to the nearest year (preferred) or in age bands ("0-10", "11-17", "18-30", "31-50", "51+"), we can also accept date of birth.

Response: Please see separate spreadsheet. The information has been broken down by gender, age bands, and by month. Date of birth and the combination of day and month data are considered to be potentially person identifying data in the context of the small Isle of Wight population served by this Trust and this format has been selected to ensure that the Trust complies with the requirements of the Data Protection Act.

To calculate the level of assault-related injury in England and Wales we also require the total number of attendances for any reason in the year of interest, i.e. 2016.

Response: The total attendances for 2016, excluding planned returns was 41,661.

Please note that this response does not constitute consent for direct marketing.

The Isle of Wight NHS Trust serves a resident population of 140,000 with a substantial influx of tourists during the summer months. The Trust provides acute, ambulance, community, maternity, mental health services on the Isle of Wight. As the only fully integrated service provider in England with this unique range of services comparisons with other service providers are not always straightforward.

A log of this request will be held on a database by the Trust. All hard copy correspondence relating to this request will be held for one year from the date of this letter, before being confidentially destroyed. A copy of this response will be published on the Trust website.

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Information Commissioner
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Please do not hesitate to contact this office if you have any further questions.

Yours faithfully

Freedom of Information Team

