

FOI 2031

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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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**1. Broken down by year, since 2020, how many admissions have there been related to drug/suspected drug overdose in hospitals within the Trust.**

**2. What is the most common suspected drug in relation to these overdoses?**

**3. For the figures outlined, in question 1, how many of these patients were, broken down by year:**

**a) received medical treatment on a ward**

**b) required admission to intensive care**

**c) number of deaths of patients who were admitted for drug overdose**

**4. What is the average length of time a patient stays in ICU for?**

**Please include all data so far available for 2023. Please provide data in response in the form of an Excel spreadsheet.**

Please see response below:

**1) Number of Inpatient Admissions for all SHSCT Hospitals with a diagnosis of a drug overdose\* admitted between 01/01/2020 - 31/08/2023**

\*Diagnosis of a drug overdose is based on intentional & accidental drug overdoses based on Primary or Secondary Diagnosis Codes (1-15). Intentional overdose codes T36 - T50 with a secondary code from X60 – X64. Accidental overdose codes T36 - T50 with a secondary code from X40 - X49. (Codes provided by SHSCT Clinical Coding Supervisor 23/11/23)

Please note data is run 3 months in arrears due to clinical coding backlog

<u>Admission Year</u>	<u>Number of Admissions</u>
2020	632
2021	627
2022	498
2023 (Jan 23 - Aug 23)	343
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2100</b>

**2) Most Common Suspected drug\*\* in relation to the admissions above in Part 1**

\*\*Most Common Suspected drug is based on most common occurring Primary Diagnosis code.

**T39.1 - 4-Aminophenol derivatives**

**3a) Refer to response for Part 1**

**3b) Of the Admissions above in Part 1 the Number of Ward Entries (Inpatient Admissions and Inpatient Transfers In) to Craigavon Area Hospital Intensive Care Unit (ICU)**

Ward Entries to ICU includes Internal Hospital Transfers - Patients with an Internal Hospital Transfer will have a Method of Discharge = 'Internal Dis - Cons'; 'Nurse Internal Disc'; 'Internal Renal Disch'.

If a patient is admitted to one SHSCT hospital site and is then transferred to another hospital site within the SHSCT, this will be counted as '2' ward entries. 'Transfers In' is based on transfers in to a Ward from Other Wards within the same Hospital - transfers between Consultant or between Specialty within the same Ward are not counted.

Methodology - The following information was extracted by running the number of Inpatient Admissions with a drug overdose between 01/01/2020 - 31/08/2023 and also run the number of Inpatient Admissions and Transfers In to Craigavon Intensive Care Unit between 01/01/2020 - 18/10/2023. These two data extracts were then matched using a match query on Casenote Number with a condition to return ward entries to ICU where the date of ward entry is on/between the date of admission and date of discharge of the hospital spell.

<u>Ward Entry Year</u>	<u>Number of Ward Entries to ICU</u>
2020	30
2021	24
2022	21
2023 (Jan 23 - Aug 23)	22
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>97</b>

**3c) Number of Inpatient Admissions for all SHSCT Hospitals with a diagnosis of a drug overdose\*\*\* admitted between 01/01/2020 - 31/08/2023 who had a Hospital Death**

The Trust doesn't own validated data relating to deaths of patients

**4) Of the Ward Entries to ICU above in Part 3b the Average Length of Spell in ICU**

Average Length of Spell is calculated = Occupied Beddays in ICU/Ward Entries to ICU.  
Occupied Beddays in ICU is calculated from date of ward entry to ICU to date of ward exit from ICU.

<u>Average Length of Spell in ICU</u>
3 days

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