

FOI 2792

23rd December 2024

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

The first two requests relate to alcohol and drugs related admissions to hospitals in Northern Ireland each year between 2020 and 2024 (or the latest year for which you have statistics).

Can I please have specific information on the following?

The number of alcohol-related admissions involving patients aged 19 and under between the years (above) including breakdown of gender and age.

Response:

Age on Admission	Y2020		Y2021		Y2022		Y2023		Y2024	
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M
0 - 12 YEARS								<5		<5
13	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5				<5	<5
14	<5		<5	<5	<5	<5		<5		<5
15	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5			<5	<5	<5
16	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5				<5
17	<5		5	6	<5	<5		<5	5	<5
18	<5	6	<5	13	<5	5		<5		<5
19	<5	<5		<5	<5	<5		<5	<5	<5

The Trust has a legal duty to protect patient confidentiality and, in line with this duty, the figure <5 has been provided where figures are very low. This is because of the potential risk of identification of an individual. In reaching this decision the Trust has taken into account the small geographical area which the Trust serves and the sensitivity of the information requested. In addition the Trust has taken into account the fact that all information disclosed in response to an FOI is disclosed to the 'world at large' and is published on the Trust website.

S 40 (2) (third party information) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 has been applied to exempt the redacted information from disclosure. The Trust does not consider the disclosure of the redacted information to be fair to the individuals concerned as there is the potential risk of identification of an individual(s) which they would not expect, and which would therefore breach the fairness element of the first principle of the Data Protection Act 2018

The number of drug (either illegal or prescription)- related admissions involving patients aged 19 and under between the years (above) including breakdown of gender and age.

Response:

Age on Admission	Y2020		Y2021		Y2022		Y2023		Y2024	
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M
0 - 13 YEARS	<5	<5								
14	<5	<5		<5					<5	
15	<5	<5		<5	<5	<5		<5		
16	<5	<5		<5		<5	<5	<5	<5	
17	5	<5	6	5	<5	<5		<5	<5	
18	15	11	9	19	11	<5	11	5	5	<5
19	11	7	24	12	8	7	16	<5	11	<5

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The second request relates to the number of those aged 19 and under who were treated in emergency departments for alcohol or drugs intoxication between the years 2020 and 2024 (or the latest year for which you have statistics) including breakdown of gender and age.

Response:

AGE	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M
0 - 12 YEARS	27	31	32	36	43	44	38	43	30	14
13	20	6	15	6	10	6	27	10	16	<5
14	20	15	39	15	24	20	39	7	19	6
15	32	28	45	24	36	11	35	8	16	10
16	32	25	38	18	25	17	35	20	13	18
17	24	39	43	28	21	16	28	11	29	12
18	28	39	34	38	33	29	21	26	22	15
19	20	31	31	20	7	28	24	22	9	14

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