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Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

**Please find below a freedom of information request relating to people experiencing homelessness, as well as substance use within your NHS Trust.**

- 1. Please provide the total number of A&E attendances by patients of No Fixed Abode/Address for each of the financial years from 2011/12 to 2021/2022.**

Please note that we only hold this data from FY 2014/15 onwards.

| <b>Total patients</b> |                       |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>FY</b>             | <b>No of patients</b> |
| 2014/15               | 182                   |
| 2015/16               | 274                   |
| 2016/17               | 255                   |
| 2017/18               | 258                   |
| 2018/19               | 366                   |
| 2019/20               | 504                   |
| 2020/21               | 445                   |
| 2021/22               | 482                   |
| <b>Total</b>          | <b>2766</b>           |

**2. Please also provide the number of these individuals (as outlined in Q1) who were admitted with a primary/secondary diagnosis of drug poisoning.**

Please note the data provided relates to patients who attended A&E with a visit of poisoning in their presenting complaint.

| <b>Total patients with a presenting complaint of drug poisoning.</b> |                       |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>FY</b>                                                            | <b>No of patients</b> |
| 2014/15                                                              | 34                    |
| 2015/16                                                              | 40                    |
| 2016/17                                                              | 24                    |
| 2017/18                                                              | 22                    |
| 2018/19                                                              | 20                    |
| 2019/20                                                              | <5                    |
| 2020/21                                                              | <5                    |
| 2021/22                                                              | <5                    |
| <b>Total</b>                                                         | <b>143</b>            |

**3. Please provide the total number of hospital admissions by patients of No Fixed Abode/Address for each of the same financial years.**

| <b>FY</b>    | <b>No of patients</b> |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| 2014/15      | 72                    |
| 2015/16      | 80                    |
| 2016/17      | 65                    |
| 2017/18      | 75                    |
| 2018/19      | 118                   |
| 2019/20      | 135                   |
| 2020/21      | 158                   |
| 2021/22      | 121                   |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>824</b>            |

**4. Please also provide the number of these individuals (as outlined in Q3) who were admitted with a primary/secondary diagnosis of drug poisoning.**

Please note some of these patients may not have been admitted via A&E.

| <b>FY</b>    | <b>No of patients admitted</b> |
|--------------|--------------------------------|
| 2014/15      | 24                             |
| 2015/16      | 22                             |
| 2016/17      | 14                             |
| 2017/18      | 12                             |
| 2018/19      | 21                             |
| 2019/20      | 11                             |
| 2020/21      | 9                              |
| 2021/22      | 5                              |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>118</b>                     |

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 28 days, we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



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**PLEASE NOTE:**

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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