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Response Due: 25th October 2023

Date: 24th October 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

- **Admissions to A&E of children aged under 18 with symptoms of allergic reaction (hives/vomiting/swelling/wheeze) or anaphylaxis who have either, 1. been conveyed by ambulance from a school or education setting 2. been admitted on a weekday during 8.30-4pm. Please also provide quantities of children then admitted to wards or ICU from this cohort.**
- **Please break down the information by year from 2016-present. For each child, please clarify their symptom category, whether they were conveyed or self-presented, whether they were admitted to ward, whether they were admitted to ICU, length of stay**

Patients conveyed by Ambulance from Incident Location 'Educational Setting'

Year	Total Number of Patients
2016	0
2017	<5
2018	0
2019	<5
2021	<5
2022	<5
2023	<5

Patients Admitted on a Weekday between 8.30am-4pm and Arrival Mode

Arrival Mode	Ambulance	Car	Friend/Relative Drop Off	Grand Total
2016		<5		<5
2017	<5	<5		<5
2018		<5		<5
2019	<5	<5		<5
2020	<5		<5	<5
2021	<5		<5	<5
2022		<5	<5	<5

Of these, Patients Admitted Length of Stay

Year	Length of Stay (Days)	
	0	1
2016	<5	
2017	<5	
2018	<5	
2019	<5	<5
2020		<5
2021	<5	
2022	<5	<5

All patients admitted were admitted to Wards, none were admitted to ICU.

Please note the Trust is unable to provide a further breakdown of symptom category other than the presenting complaint of 'Allergy'.

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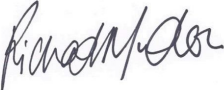
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Yours sincerely,



Richard Mundon
Director of Strategy and Planning

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