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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013726 - A&E attendances linked to legal highs

Please accept the following request for information under the FOI Act:

- The number of A&E attendances linked to Novel Psychoactive Substances (NPS), formerly known as 'legal highs', since January 2012. Please provide figures broken down by month.
- The number of A&E attendances linked to synthetic cannabinoids, also referred to as Spice or Black Mamba, since January 2012. Please provide figures broken down by month.
- The number of emergency admissions linked to Novel Psychoactive Substances (NPS), formerly known as 'legal highs', since January 2012. Please provide figures broken down by month.
- The number of emergency admissions linked to synthetic cannabinoids, also referred to as Spice or Black Mamba, since January 2012. Please provide figures broken down by month.

If you do not hold all of this information I would be grateful if you could as many parts of my request as you are able with the data you have available.

The A&E clinical coding does not differentiate between the type of substance as requested, there is no A&E clinical code for 'legal highs' .

Again for admitted patients there is no clinical code for Spice or Black Mamba, information on which specific drugs were used may be recorded in the patients notes but patients notes are not accessible under the FOI Act.