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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/013865 – Waiting times in A&E

Under the Freedom of Information Act can you provide me with the following information:

1. How many hospital patients were in casualty before being discharged/moved to another department for between 4-5 hours, 6-8 hours, 9-12 hours, more than 13-17 hours, 18-24 hours and for more than 24 hours?

For patients seen in the Trust’s Emergency Department for financial years 2015/2016 and 2016/2017 (date range taken from question 2)

Hours	2015/16 Number of Patients	2016/17 Number of Patients
4 to 5	1956	5237
6 to 8	1088	3515
9 to 12	228	1393
13 to 17	24	303
18 to 24	*	14
> 24	0	0

Please note: In column 2015/2016 18 to 24 * indicates that the number has been hidden as figures <5 (as per NHS digital guidance).

2. What the longest waiting time in 2015/16 and 2016/17 in casualty?

Please explain why the patient had to wait this long (eg excessive demand, very high attendance, staff shortages). If you have multiple sites can you state provide answers for each site.

See table above for grouped wait times (to avoid potential identification of individual patients). The longest wait in both 2015/16 and 2016/17 was due to capacity (awaiting a bed).

3. How many patients spent 12 or more hours on trolleys in casualty units in 2015/16 and 2016/17?

For this information please click on the following link: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/ae-waiting-times-and-activity/ae-attendances-and-emergency-admissions-2017-18/>

Then click on the appropriate Statistical work area date relevant to your request (see a screen shot below). Once you have chosen and clicked on the date range of your choice, scroll down the page to select and click on the month of your choice. You will be presented with a table. Scroll down the table until you find ‘The Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust’, then scroll to the end column ‘Number of patients spending >12 hours from decision to admit to admission’.

Statistical work areas

A&E Attendances and
Emergency Admissions

A&E Attendances and Emergency Admissions 2017-18

A&E Attendances and
Emergency Admissions 2016-
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A&E Attendances and
Emergency Admissions 2015-
16 (Monthly and Quarterly)

A&E Attendances and
Emergency Admissions 2015-
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