

Freedom of Information request 014204

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I would like to request information under the Freedom of Information Act about the number of children admitted to hospital or A&E for illnesses related to the misuse of drugs and/or alcohol. If possible, please could you provide information on the following for each of the last 5 calendar years (including the year to date):

1) Number of children aged 16 and under who've been admitted to A&E or hospital for an illness related to the misuse of illegal or recreational drugs (i.e. not prescribed medication). Please could you break this down by:

-Child's age

-Any details of what substance they'd taken

2) Number of children aged 16 and under who've been admitted to A&E or hospital for an illness related to drinking alcohol (e.g. binge drinking, alcohol addiction). Please could you break this down by:

-Child's age

Please note:-

The figures are for children admitted with a primary diagnosis of either drugs or alcohol.

Our system does not identify if the drugs are prescribed or not.

To break the data down as requested would make it potentially identifiable so we have broken it down as follows:-

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Grand Total
0 to 4	31	52	36	28	11	158
5 to 10						26
10 to 16	77	111	110	127	40	465