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**Date:** 02/04/2024

**Address / Email:**

Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

3X FOIs received for:

1)

*The number of people who arrived at your Trust's Accident and Emergency Department and then subsequently died before being seen be seen broken down by each of the years a) 2018, b) 2019, c) 2020, d) 2021, e) 2022, g) 2023 so fa*

2)

*The number of people treated by your Trust after being admitted with issues attributed to tooth decay broken down by each of the years a) 2018, b) 2019, c) 2020, d) 2021, e) 2022, g) 2023*

*The number of people aged 18 and under treated by your Trust after being admitted with issues attributed to tooth decay broken down by each of the years a) 2018, b) 2019, c) 2020, d) 2021, e) 2022, g) 2023*

*The number of people whose death has been attributed to issues relating to tooth decay by your Trust broken down by each of the years a) 2018, b) 2019, c) 2020, d) 2021, e) 2022, g) 2023 as well as a total figure across those years.*

3)

*The longest time it took for a person aged 18 and under to be seen after arriving at your Trust's Accident and Emergency department broken down by each of the years a) 2018, b) 2019, c) 2020, d) 2021, e) 2022, g) 2023 so far*

*The number of people aged 18 and under waiting more than four hours to be seen after arriving at your Trust's Accident and Emergency department broken down by each of the years a) 2018, b) 2019, c) 2020, d) 2021, e) 2022, g) 2023 so far*

*The number of people under the aged 18 and under waiting more than twelve hours to be seen after arriving at your Trust's Accident and Emergency department broken down by each of the years a)*

2018, b) 2019, c) 2020, d) 2021, e) 2022, g) 2023 so far

The number of people aged 18 and under seen by your Trust's Accident and Emergency department broken down by each of the years a) 2018, b) 2019, c) 2020, d) 2021, e) 2022, g) 2023 so far.

**Response**

**Request no 1.**

**Deaths in accident and emergency**

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| <b>The number of people who arrived at your Trust's Accident and Emergency Department and then subsequently died before being seen</b> be seen broken down by each of the years |   |
| A) 2018   | <p>We are unable to answer this as we do not hold the information you have requested in a reportable format.</p> <p><b><i>When information is not in a reportable format</i></b></p> <p><i>The ICO guidance clearly states "FOIA only applies to information that a public authority already holds in recorded form at the time of a request. If you don't hold a particular piece of information that someone has asked for, you don't have to create it".</i></p> |

**Request no 2.**

**Tooth decay**

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| <b>The number of people treated by your Trust after being admitted with issues attributed to tooth decay</b> broken down by each of the years a) 2018, b) 2019, c) 2020, d) 2021, e) 2022, g) 2023 |     |
| A) 2018  | 346 |
| B) 2019  | 381 |
| C) 2020  | 163 |
| D) 2021  | 141 |
| E) 2022  | 201 |
| F) 2023  | 233 |

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| <b>The number of people aged 18 and under treated by your Trust after being admitted with issues attributed to tooth decay</b> broken down by each of the years a) 2018, b) 2019, c) 2020, d) 2021, e) 2022, g) 2023 |    |
| A) 2018  | 16 |
| B) 2019  | 18 |
| C) 2020  | 11 |
| D) 2021  | 14 |
| E) 2022  | 15 |
| F) 2023  | 7  |

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| <b>The number of people whose death has been attributed to issues relating to tooth decay by your Trust broken down by each of the years a) 2018, b) 2019, c) 2020, d) 2021, e) 2022, g) 2023 as well as a total figure across those years.</b> |   |
| A) 2018   | We are unable to answer this as we do not hold the information you have requested in a reportable format.<br><br><i>When information is not in a reportable format The ICO guidance clearly states "FOIA only applies to information that a public authority already holds in recorded form at the time of a request. If you don't hold a particular piece of information that someone has asked for, you don't have to create it".</i> |
| B) 2019   |   |
| C) 2020   |   |
| D) 2021   |   |
| E) 2022   |   |
| F) 2023   |   |

**Request no 3.**

**Accident and emergency delays for children**

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| <b>The longest time it took for a person aged 18 and under to be seen after arriving at your Trust's Accident and Emergency department broken down by each of the years</b> |      |
| A) 2018   | 414  |
| B) 2019   | 681  |
| C) 2020   | 310  |
| D) 2021   | 426  |
| E) 2022   | 1400 |
| F) 2023 (So far)  | 559  |

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| <b>The number of people aged 18 and under waiting more than four hours to be seen after arriving at your Trust's Accident and Emergency department broken down by each of the years a) 2018, b) 2019, c) 2020, d) 2021, e) 2022, g) 2023 so far</b> |    |
| A) 2018   | 5  |
| B) 2019   | 8  |
| C) 2020   | 2  |
| D) 2021   | 13 |
| E) 2022   | 51 |
| F) 2023 (So far)  | 57 |

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| <b>The number of people under the aged 18 and under waiting more than twelve hours to be seen after arriving at your Trust's Accident and Emergency department broken down by each of the years a) 2018, b) 2019, c) 2020, d) 2021, e) 2022, g) 2023 so far</b> |   |
| A) 2018   | 0 |
| B) 2019   | 0 |
| C) 2020   | 0 |
| D) 2021   | 0 |
| E) 2022   | 2 |
| F) 2023 (So far)  | 0 |

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| <b>The number of people aged 18 and under seen by your Trust's Accident and Emergency department broken down by each of the years a) 2018, b) 2019, c) 2020, d) 2021, e) 2022, g) 2023 so far.</b> |       |
| A) 2018  | 23413 |
| B) 2019  | 25955 |
| C) 2020  | 15734 |

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| D) 2021          | 22425 |
| E) 2022          | 26774 |
| F) 2023 (So far) | 24813 |

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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