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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

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

Request

1. The total number of emergency hospital admissions for people aged 65 and over, broken down by year (2022, 2023, and 2024 where available).
2. The total number of these emergency admissions that involved the patient arriving via ambulance, broken down by year (2022, 2023, and 2024 where available).
3. The number of emergency admissions for people aged 65 and over that were explicitly recorded as relating to falls, fractures, or other household-related accidents, broken down by specific cause or item involved (e.g., fall from stairs, fall in the bathroom, etc.). If possible, please also provide the average or median length of hospital stay for these admissions.

Response

1. The total number of emergency hospital admissions for people aged 65 and over, broken down by year (2022, 2023, and 2024 where available).

Total Number of emergency hospital admissions for people aged 65 and over	
Year	Amount of admissions
2022	17031
2023	18463
2024	19261
Grand Total	54755

2. The total number of these emergency admissions that involved the patient arriving via ambulance, broken down by year (2022, 2023, and 2024 where available).

Of these emergency admissions (people aged 65 and over), the total number arriving by ambulance	
Year	Amount of admissions
2022	12887
2023	13595
2024	14181
Grand Total	40663

3. The number of emergency admissions for people aged 65 and over that were explicitly recorded as relating to falls, fractures, or other household-related accidents, broken down by specific cause or item involved (e.g., fall from stairs, fall in the bathroom, etc.). If possible, please also provide the average or median length of hospital stay for these admissions.

Number of Emergency Admissions for people 65 and over that were recorded as relating to falls, fractures and other house-hold related accidents			
Year	Type of accident	Amount of admissions	Average Length of stay (days)
2022	W00-W19 Falls	932	11.5
	Fractures	615	15.1
	W20-W49 Exposure to inanimate mechanical forces	42	5.5
	W50-W64 Exposure to animate mechanical forces	<5	6.8
	W75-W84 Other accidental threats to breathing		
	W85-W99 Exposure to electric current, radiation and extreme ambient air temperature and pressure	<5	1
	X00-X09 Exposure to smoke, fire and flames	<5	35
	X10-X19 Contact with heat and hot substances	<5	13
	X30-X39 Exposure to forces of nature		
	X50-X57 Overexertion, travel and privation	6	6.1
	X58-X59 Accidental exposure to other and unspecified factors	5	20.6
2023	W00-W19 Falls	939	9.7
	Fractures	604	13.3
	W20-W49 Exposure to inanimate mechanical forces	27	2.1
	W50-W64 Exposure to animate mechanical forces	<5	3
	W75-W84 Other accidental threats to breathing	<5	5
	W85-W99 Exposure to electric current, radiation and extreme ambient air temperature and pressure	<5	19
	X00-X09 Exposure to smoke, fire and flames		
	X10-X19 Contact with heat and hot substances	<5	7
	X30-X39 Exposure to forces of nature	<5	0
	X50-X57 Overexertion, travel and privation	13	8.8
	X58-X59 Accidental exposure to other and unspecified factors	9	8.4
2024	W00-W19 Falls	962	9.1
	Fractures	610	12.8
	W20-W49 Exposure to inanimate mechanical forces	31	4
	W50-W64 Exposure to animate mechanical forces	9	9.7
	W75-W84 Other accidental threats to breathing	<5	19
	W85-W99 Exposure to electric current, radiation and extreme ambient air temperature and pressure		
	X00-X09 Exposure to smoke, fire and flames		
	X10-X19 Contact with heat and hot substances		
	X30-X39 Exposure to forces of nature		
	X50-X57 Overexertion, travel and privation	7	8.7
	X58-X59 Accidental exposure to other and unspecified factors	6	3.5
Grand Total		4817	

Please note:

Please note that due to the nature of the question asked, it is possible that some patients may have had a fall/injury which resulted in a fracture – in these cases we have counted that patient within the figures based on the ICD-10 code which was coded within the primary position

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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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