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### **Freedom of Information Act 2000**

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to assault attendances to Emergency Department ED in 2021.

*You asked:*

*Data required (for period between 1st January 2021 and 31st December 2021)*

*We require the gender of the patient (M or F), the date that they attended due to assault (dd/mm/yyyy) and their age. Age can either be numerical to the nearest year (preferred) or in age bands ("0-10", "11-17", "18-30", "31-50", "51+"), we can also accept date of birth.*

*To calculate the level of assault-related injury in England and Wales we also require the total number of attendances for any reason in the year of interest, i.e., 2021.*

*Please also include the names of hospitals providing assault data.*

Trust response:

The Trust can only accurately count this sort of attendance on patients who have been admitted. The system previously used in our ED department has been decommissioned and the information cannot be retrospectively retrieved electronically.

We can look at the admitted patient's data, where the coding is more complete. However, the information this would provide could not be directly compared to our previous response.

If you would like us to proceed in this manner can you please let me know.