

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_264_16

You asked:

I would like to obtain the following information: How many people have attended A & E over the past 5 years (2011 onwards) with injuries caused by a dog?

Can I please have the figures broken down by year?

Our response:

The Health Board is only able to provide robust data from 01/01/2013. Prior to this date, there were two separate systems which recorded attendances at Accident and Emergency Departments and did not necessarily capture 'like for like' data.

"Dog Injuries" is not a recognised Emergency Department data set diagnosis. Therefore, the only means of determining this information is from the data collected by 'patient complaint - freetext field'. Please note therefore that this may result in an over or under reporting.

Please see provided in the table below, the number of people who have attended A&E and Minor Injury Units within the Health Board with injuries caused by a dog.

Calendar Year	Total patients
2013	708
2014	741
2015	737
2016	489
TOTALS	2675