

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB_329_19

You asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act, could you please provide the following information for each of the last three full years (2016, 2017 and 2018):

1. The number of patients treated via accident and emergency departments in your health board where the recorded reason for them seeking treatment included issues arising as a result of them taking, or after them having taken, "nitrous oxide", "nos", "noz", "laughing gas", "hippy crack" or "hippie crack".

I can confirm that for the time period requested, no patients have been treated via accident and emergency departments in the health board that meet this criteria.

2. The number of in-patients admitted to a hospital or clinic within your health board area for help for issues recorded as having arisen as a result of them taking, or after them having taken, "nitrous oxide", "nos", "noz", "laughing gas", "hippie crack", or "hippy crack".

Please find response in the table below. However, please note that the figures include the inhalation of all anaesthetics (ICD10 code T410), not uniquely laughing gas.

Hospital Activity Type	2016	2017	2018
Inpatient Episodes	18	14	9

3. The number of patients referred for specialist treatment or help within your health board area where the recorded reason for their referral is recorded as issues having arisen as a result of them taking, or after them having taken, "nitrous oxide", "nos", "noz", "laughing gas", "hippy crack" or "hippie crack".

We do not record a definitive diagnosis at referral level therefore, we are unable to provide a response to this element of your request.