

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_495_22

Thank you for your request for information received on the 21 December 2022, regarding dog attacks. Please find the response from Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board set out below, noting the following:

- Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board was established on 1 April 2019. Therefore due to the timeframe requested, the information prior to this relates to the previous Cwm Taf area only and does not reflect the boundary change. Any information requests (prior to April 1 2019) relating to the previous Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board area (Bridgend) would need to be redirected to FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk
- The dataset has been pulled using the presenting complaint field which is free text. We have included all patients with a presenting complaint that contains the word 'dog' and also contains bite, bites bitten or attack, attacked, attacks.
- We have used the 'was admitted' field to show which patients were admitted. However, some patient had an outcome from A&E of 'transferred to Morriston Hospital' (Swansea Bay University Health Board) for appropriate treatment. We have included these in the admission figures but do not have any further data to show the outcome of the admission or if they had an operation.

You asked:

Please can you provide me with the following information for the (calendar) years:

i) 2017 ii) 2018 iii) 2019 iv) 2020 v) 2021 vi) 2022

***If possible, can an age or age range be provided for each?**

- 1) The number of persons who visited A&E in your board (Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board) for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?**

Year	Paediatrics	Adult	Older Adult (65-85)	Older Adult (86+)	Total
2017	146	453	87	4	690
2018	163	543	93	2	801
2019	236	682	134	6	1058
2020	180	635	83	2	900
2021	199	720	111	4	1034
2022	191	785	143	4	1123
Total	1115	3818	651	22	5606

- 2) How many persons required inpatient treatment for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?**

Year	Paediatrics	Adult	Older Adult (65-85)	Older Adult (86+)	Total
2017	4	11	3	0	18

2018	5	8	3	0	16
2019	11	14	5	0	30
2020	10	10	6	0	26
2021	7	21	3	0	31
2022	9	27	6	0	42
Total	46	91	26	0	163

3) How many persons required surgery for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?

Year	Paediatrics	Adult	Older Adult (65-85)	Older Adult (86+)	Total
2017	2	7	1	0	10
2018	3	5	0	0	8
2019	6	4	0	0	10
2020	4	3	1	0	8
2021	5	4	1	0	10
2022	8	10	0	0	18
Total	28	33	3	0	64

4) How many persons suffered fatal injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?

Year	Paediatrics	Adult	Older Adult (65-85)	Older Adult (86+)	Total
2017	0	0	0	0	0
2018	0	0	0	0	0
2019	0	0	0	0	0
2020	0	0	0	0	0
2021	0	0	0	0	0
2022	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0