

## **Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB\_145\_23**

### **You asked:**

I would like to request the following information:

1. How many patients presented at an emergency department / minor injuries unit with an injury caused by a dog between January 1st 2023 (inclusive) and March 31st 2023 (inclusive)?
  - a. Of those recorded, how many were aged 0-16?
  - b. Of those recorded, how many were aged 17-64?
  - c. Of those recorded, how many were aged 65?
2. How many patients presented at an emergency department / minor injuries unit with an injury caused by a dog between January 1st 2022 (inclusive) and December 31st 2022 (inclusive)?
  - a. Of those recorded, how many were aged 0-16?
  - b. Of those recorded, how many were aged 17-64?
  - c. Of those recorded, how many were aged 65?
3. How many patients presented at an emergency department / minor injuries unit with an injury caused by a dog between January 1st 2021 (inclusive) and December 31st 2021 (inclusive)?
  - a. Of those recorded, how many were aged 0-16?
  - b. Of those recorded, how many were aged 17-64?
  - c. Of those recorded, how many were aged 65?
4. How many patients presented at an emergency department / minor injuries unit with an injury caused by a dog between January 1st 2020 (inclusive) and December 31st 2020 (inclusive)?
  - a. Of those recorded, how many were aged 0-16?
  - b. Of those recorded, how many were aged 17-64?
  - c. Of those recorded, how many were aged 65?
5. How many patients presented at an emergency department / minor injuries unit with an injury caused by a dog between January 1st 2019 (inclusive) and December 31st 2019 (inclusive)?
  - a. Of those recorded, how many were aged 0-16?
  - b. Of those recorded, how many were aged 17-64?
  - c. Of those recorded, how many were aged 65?
6. How many patients presented at an emergency department / minor injuries unit with an injury caused by a dog between January 1st 2018 (inclusive) and December 31st 2018 (inclusive)?
  - a. Of those recorded, how many were aged 0-16?
  - b. Of those recorded, how many were aged 17-64?
  - c. Of those recorded, how many were aged 65?

7. How many patients presented at an emergency department / minor injuries unit with an injury caused by a dog between January 1st 2017 (inclusive) and December 31st 2017 (inclusive)?
- Of those recorded, how many were aged 0-16?
  - Of those recorded, how many were aged 17-64?
  - Of those recorded, how many were aged 65?

**Our response:**

Please see information requested provided in the table below, by year and age range. Noting the data has been selected using the following criteria:

- Presenting complaint containing the word dog or puppy. The presenting complaint is free text therefore, we cannot guarantee this is 100% accurate.
- Any patient that was admitted from the Emergency Department (ED) with a diagnosis code of dog injury.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Aged 0 -16</b>	<b>Aged 17- 64</b>	<b>Aged 65</b>
<b>2017</b>	220	644	7
<b>2018</b>	225	704	10
<b>2019</b>	257	679	13
<b>2020</b>	188	625	5
<b>2021</b>	209	664	7
<b>2022</b>	203	742	10
<b>2023 (1st Jan - 31st Mar)</b>	42	163	**

Where the figures are less than 5, this has been denoted by \*\*. The exact figures have been withheld due to the low numbers involved.

Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. Also, responses under the Freedom of Information Act are made available to the public at large. The data is classed as personal data as defined under the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.