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Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_305_26

You asked:

I am writing to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please provide the following information from the financial years 2020/2021 to the end of the financial year 2025/2026:

1)The total number of patients aged under 21 who presented, or were referred within your organisation with a diagnosis or suspected diagnosis of an asbestos-related disease, including but not limited to: mesothelioma, asbestosis, pleural plaques, pleural effusion attributed to asbestos exposure, or diffuse pleural thickening.

- Number of patients referred and admitted = 26
- Number of patients presented at Emergency Department (ED) and admitted = 135

Please note referral and ED data is not coded. Therefore, we have counted the number of referral or ED attendances that were admitted with a diagnosis code of an asbestos-related disease. Please note a patient may have a referral and may also present at ED, so some patients may have been counted twice.

2)Please break this figure down by financial year. Where the number of cases in any given year is five or fewer, please state "<5" rather than the exact figure.

Financial Year	Number of Patients Referred and Admitted
2020/2021	<5
2021/2022	<5
2022/2023	13
2023/2024	<5
2024/2025	<5
2025/2026	<5

Financial Year	Number of Patients Presented to ED and Admitted
2020/2021	37
2021/2022	30
2022/2023	22
2023/2024	19
2024/2025	14
2025/2026	17

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3) Please confirm whether your organisation holds any coded data for these conditions in patients aged under 21, even if no cases have been recorded during the period.

We only code inpatient admissions.