

Ref. No: 209230721
From: Media
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Subject: The number of people visiting hospitals having been "Bitten or stuck by a dog"

REQUEST

I am writing to make an open government request for all the information to which I am entitled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

1. *For 2021; by the Hospitals in your trust please can I receive a monthly breakdown on the number of people visiting hospitals having been "Bitten or stuck by a dog"*
2. *For 2020; by the Hospitals in your trust please can I receive a monthly breakdown on the number of people visiting hospitals having been "Bitten or stuck by a dog"*
3. *For 2019; by the Hospitals in your trust please can I receive a monthly breakdown on the number of people visiting hospitals having been "Bitten or stuck by a dog"*

If this request is too wide or unclear, I would be grateful if you could contact me as I understand that under the Act, you are required to advise and assist requesters. If any of this information is already in the public domain, please can you direct me to it, with page references and URLs if necessary. I would like to remind you of your duty under section 16 of the Freedom of Information act to offer such advice and assistance on a request if necessary.

I understand that request **1** asks for information relating to **2021**. Please provide me with the most recent figures in your trust's database.

If the release of any of this information is prohibited on the grounds of breach of confidence, I ask that you supply me with copies of the confidentiality agreement and remind you that information should not be treated as confidential if such an agreement has not been signed.

RESPONSE

After clarification from the applicant, we have provided the A&E attendances with a presenting complaint including 'dog bite' and the inpatient discharges with a diagnosis code of 'Bitten or struck by a dog'.

A&E Attendances

	2019	2020	2021
Jan	38	53	15
Feb	39	49	34
Mar	44	33	33
Apr	49	30	48
May	64	44	37
Jun	53	50	34
Jul	75	46	
Aug	59	37	
Sep	54	26	
Oct	52	25	
Nov	60	35	
Dec	38	26	
Total	625	454	201

Inpatient Discharges

	2019	2020	2021
Jan	29	62	27
Feb	42	48	38
Mar	49	49	32
Apr	53	15	37
May	52	20	33
Jun	69	40	34
Jul	69	31	
Aug	70	28	
Sep	58	37	
Oct	53	32	
Nov	53	34	
Dec	51	36	
Total	648	432	201