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REQUEST

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000. Please see below a request for the following information relating to offences involving a knife blade or sharply pointed article.

Question 1

- a) How many minors under the age of 18 have been recorded as being a seriously injured by a knife blade or sharply pointed article?
- b) If it is within the time/cost limit set by the FOI Act, please provide a break down by age and sex?

Question 2

- a) How many minors under the age of 18 have been recorded as being a fatal victim by a knife blade or sharply pointed article?
- b) If it is within the time/cost limit set by the FOI Act, please provide a break down by age and sex?

For each question, I would like data for each of the following time periods:

- January 2020 – December 2020
- January 2021 – December 2021
- January 2022 – December 2022

RESPONSE

Time Period	Total Admitted Patients, under 18 years old, with a diagnosis code X99 (Assault by sharp object)	Total Admitted Patients who subsequently died, under 18 years old, with a diagnosis code X99 (Assault by sharp object)
January 2020 - December 2020	<5	0
January 2021 - December 2021	<5	0
January 2022 - December 2022	<5	0

Please note <5 has been added where the number of individuals is 5 or less, this information has been redacted to protect the confidentiality of individuals and to ensure that they cannot be identified.