

INFORMATION REQUEST FOI2022/423

11 January 2023

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request.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 NHS Trust (Wye Valley) for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?
- 2) How many persons required inpatient treatment for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?
- 3) How many persons required surgery for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?
- 4) How many persons suffered fatal injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?

I have considered your request and have set out the Trust's response below:

	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
The number of persons who visited A&E in your NHS Trust (Wye Valley) for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?	12	11	21	24	9	7
How many persons required inpatient treatment for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?	14	13	23	25	10	10
How many persons required surgery for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?	N/A	6	10	11	Less than 6*	7
How many persons suffered fatal injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?	0	0	0	0	0	0

* Please note that the exact number of patients has been withheld and instead a range of below 6 has been provided, as this relates to a low number. Also the exact number of patients in age brackets has not been provided, as each range (e.g 10-20) has a number that is in a range of below 6, which relates to a low number. Even breaking the ranges into larger categories such as under 18 or over 65 leads to the same result. Statistically low information can potentially identify individuals' data, especially due to the rural nature and low population of the county. It would be, in my view, possible to identify them if this data were to be provided to you. The data therefore consists of personal data and as such has been withheld under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,
Freedom of Information Coordinator

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