



Ref: FOI/1044

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Dear Jessica

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

Further to your enquiry, which we received on 09 July 2013, you requested the following information:

- 1) ***The total number of alcohol related admissions of people aged between 18 and 25 at Hereford hospital:
Please could these figures be broken down by year for 2011, 2012 and 2013 up to July 9.
If possible, could the figures for each year be broken down into gender.
If possible, could the figures for 2013 also be broken down by month.***
- 2) ***The total number of drug related admissions of people aged between 18 and 25 at Hereford hospital:
Please could these figures be broken down by year for 2011, 2012 and 2013 up to July 9.
If possible, could the figures for each year be broken down into gender.
If possible, could the figures for 2013 also be broken down by month.***
- 3) ***The total number of a) drug related and b) alcohol related admissions to Hereford hospital for those under the age of 18.
Please could these figures be broken down by year for 2011, 2012 and 2013 up to July 9.
If possible, could the figures for each year be broken down into gender.
If possible, could the figures for 2013 also be broken down by month.***

Response

Since August 2011 the Trust has been experiencing issues with the quality of data stored within our clinical data systems. This is due to software issues and the Trust has been working to rectify this. A sample of these records were manually validated and this showed that the quality of the data was poor therefore we are unable to provide a true figure from our current system for August 2011 to present.

For all our Trust performance reports all records are now manually validated to cleanse the data prior to reporting. However as 64,146 cases would take an in proportionate amount of time to cleanse we are currently unable to provide you with a true figure for 2012.

We hope that this answers your request. If you are dissatisfied with our response you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner:

In the first instance you may write to the Chief Executive Officer of this Trust

- Mr A C Marsh
Regional Headquarters
Millennium Point
Waterfront Way
Brierley Hill
West Midlands
DY5 1LX
01384 215555

The Chief Executive Officer will then convene a panel of Directors of the Trust to consider the grounds for your complaint.

If you are unhappy with the findings of the Panel you can then write to the Information Commissioner at:

- Information Commissioner's Office,
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire.
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
Fax: 01625 524 510

If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

Lynsey Bull
Freedom of Information Officer