

ND ref. **FOI/16/114**

Freedom of Information

Thank you for your 15/06/16 request for the following information:

Could I request up to date information from FOI/13/249 (A&E Attendance due to Mental Health).

For easy reference, I have copied the questions into this form:

1, How many patients have attended A&E due to a mental health related incident (a medical problem as a direct result of their disturbed mental health) over the last 10 years? Please could you break the statistics down into the number per year?

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Number
2006	422
2007	418
2008	440
2009	380
2010	327
2011	315
2012	266
2013	800
2014	606
2015	725

2,What was the percentage of patients who attended A&E due to a mental health related incident out of the total number of patients admitted to A&E over the last 10 years? Please could you break the statistics down into the number per year?

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	%
2006	1.23%
2007	1.26%
2008	1.29%
2009	1.02%
2010	0.85%
2011	0.80%
2012	0.66%
2013	2.01%
2014	1.98%
2015	2.35%

3, How many patients who attended A&E due to a mental health related incident over the last 10 years were discharged without any further treatment? Please could you break the statistics down into the number per year?

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Number
2006	173
2007	208
2008	212
2009	177
2010	156
2011	151
2012	121
2013	472
2014	386
2015	445

4, How many patients who attended A&E due to a mental health related incident over the last 10 years received in-patient treatment as a result of their visit to A&E? Please could you break the statistics down into the number per year?

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Number
2006	227
2007	176
2008	184
2009	178
2010	143
2011	138
2012	137
2013	294
2014	239
2015	287

5, How many patients who attended A&E due to a mental health related incident over the last 10 years received some form of out-patient treatment as a result of their visit to A&E? Please could you break the statistics down into the number per year?

Answer: Patients attending with psychiatric or mental health issues will be treated by the Acute Trust for physical effects, but may be referred for further psychiatric treatment to the Devon Partnership NHS Trust. We do not have access to the Partnership Trust activity. However we would advise that you raise this with Devon Partnership NHS Trust. You can contact their Freedom of Information Lead at the following email address: lq.dpt@nhs.net

or alternatively write to their Freedom of Information Lead at the following address:
Devon Partnership NHS Trust, Wonford House Hospital, Dryden Road, Exeter, EX2 5AF

6, How many patients who attended A&E due to a mental health related incident were under 18 over the last 10 years? Please could you break the statistics down into the number per year?

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Number
2006	69
2007	79
2008	57
2009	50
2010	37
2011	38
2012	35
2013	76
2014	84
2015	104

7, How many of patients who attended A&E due to a mental health related incident over the last 10 were returning patients who had previously been to A&E for a similar issue? Please could you break the statistics down into the number per year?

Answer: Please see table below:

Year	Number
2006	55
2007	81
2008	106
2009	91
2010	72
2011	77
2012	69
2013	226
2014	110
2015	148

8, How many of the patients who attended A&E due to a mental health related incident in the last 10 years had already been diagnosed with a mental health issue before their visit to A&E?

Answer: This information is not available in our electronic A&E system.

"To clarify - by referring to a mental health related incident, I mean a medical problem which directly results from an issue which can be described as a mental health problem. By this I mean deliberate self harm or injuries as a result of suicide attempts, but also patients who are suffering hallucinations, suicidal thoughts or anything else which would require referral to mental health services, whether at the hospital where the A&E services are or a referral to somewhere else."