

Request title: ED Attendances for Mental Health 2010-2015

Date of Response: 13 July

Further to your Freedom of Information request, the Trust has answered your questions in the order they appear in your request.

Request and reply

I would like to request the following information under the FOI Act. When I use the term 'due to mental health' below I mean attendances where the reason for the person's attendance is primarily related to their mental ill health or a health issue directly resulting from their disturbed mental health.

Please note that the figures in the spread sheet above do not include the diagnosis code for overdose\poisoning as this also includes people who have accidentally overdosed or drunk too much. However, if you feel that you would like this information, then the Trust would be happy to supply it for you.

1. How many patients attended A&E due to mental health in each year covering the period financial year 2010-11 to 2014-15? Please break down the statistics into the number per financial year.
Please see the attached spread sheet for the Trusts response to this question.
2. What percentage of total A&E attendances did patients attending for mental health account for in each year? Again please cover the period financial year 2010-11 to 2014-15 and break down the statistics into the number per financial year.
Please see the attached spread sheet for the Trusts response to this question.
3. What was the average wait for patients attending A&E due to mental health to have an initial assessment in each year 2010-11 to 2014-15?
Please see the attached spread sheet for the Trusts response to this question.
4. What was the average wait for patients attending A&E due to mental health to be assessed by a specialist in each year 2010-11 to 2014-15?
The Trust is unable to provide an answer to this question as the specialist will in most cases be from an external organisation and therefore the time they saw the patient will not be routinely recorded on the electronic systems at the RD&E but will be recorded on the relevant organisations systems.
5. How many patients attending A&E due to mental health received inpatient treatment as a result of their visit to A&E? Please list stats for each year 2010-11 to 2014-15.
Please see the attached spread sheet for the Trusts response to this question.
6. How many patients attending A&E for mental health were discharged without further treatment? Please list stats for each year 2010-11 to 2014-15.
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7. Does your A&E have a psychiatric liaison service? If yes, when was this service established?

The Psychiatric Liaison service started at the RD&E in 1999.

8. What proportion of total delayed transfers of care were related to mental health for each year between 2010-11 to 2014-15?

Please see the attached spread sheet for the Trusts response to this question.

9. Please provide copies of any correspondence sent from your trust chief executive to NHS mental health trusts, CCGs, NHS England or the Department of Health regarding pressures on your services linked to mental health in 2013-14 or 2014-15.

The Trusts Chief Executive does not have any correspondence concerning this.