Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Request Ref: NGFOI 16/17: 323

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 20/09/16.

I am pleased that we are now able to provide you with a response to your request as shown below.

You requested:

1)   How many persons have been admitted to hospitals in your Trust 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 for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?

5)   What the total cost of treating injuries caused by dog bites or attacks was to your trust?

Please provide information for the following calendar years:

i)   2013
ii)   2014
iii)   2015
iv)   2016 to date

Clarification: the number of persons who visited A&E

Response from Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH):

	2013	2014	2015	2016
				to 21/09/16
1) The number of persons who visited A&E in your Trust for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?	963	884	1097	918
NB A&E attendances are not coded in the same way as inpatient episodes, A&E attendances just have a general code of 'bites and stings' and not a specific code				
2) How many persons required inpatient treatment for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks ?	47	47	48	25

3) How many persons required surgery for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks ?	32	37	36	17
4) How many persons suffered fatal injuries caused by dog bites or attacks	0	0	0	0

The reports for questions 2, 3 and 4 have been run using the diagnosis code of W54% (Bitten or struck by dog) as 'any' diagnosis not 'main' diagnosis.

5) I can confirm on behalf of the Trust and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information that you have requested. Whilst we do hold information for a standard A&E, inpatient or outpatient tariff we do not break it down to this subcategory.