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You asked

- 1. How many people have been treated for serious knife injuries (those which require stitches or worse)?**

Seven patients in 2016, eight patients in 2017 and five or fewer patients in 2018 were admitted to UHP with knife, sword or dagger injury that required stitching. We do not record electronically whether the patient's injury was serious or life threatening or whether the patient had multiple knife injuries – we only code whether the injury was knife, sword or dagger related and whether stitching was required. Hence we can only answer question 1 and not questions 2 or 3.

- 2. How many people have been treated for life threatening knife injuries?**

See above

- 3. How many people have been treated for multiple knife injuries in the same attack?**

See above

- 4. How many people have been treated for gun/ bullet injuries?**

Seven patients in 2016, five or fewer patients in 2017 and five or fewer patients in 2018 were admitted to UHP with gun / bullet / air gun / pellet related injury.

Please provide figures for each year of 2016, 2017 and 2018. Please also provide the age of the youngest and the oldest person treated for the injuries in each question.

If it is not possible to answer this request in its entirety due to one or more questions exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please answer the ones that do not exceed the limits and disregard the ones that do.

If it is not possible to provide any of the information requested due to the request exceeding the cost of compliance limits identified in Section 12, please provide advice and assistance, under your Section 16 obligations, as to how I can refine my request to be included in the scope of the Act.

In any case, if you can identify ways that my request could be refined please provide further advice and assistance to indicate this.

Legal notes (Volume)

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust is confirming in accordance with section 1 (a) of the Act that it holds the information requested and is supplying it in accordance with section 1(b) unless otherwise specified.

Please find the answers to your questions noting that we have redacted the data set where numbers are five or fewer. This avoids a breach of the first two Data Protection Act (DPA) principles and the general right to object to processing. This refusal is in accordance with section 40.-(2)(a) and (b) by virtue of the first and second condition.

Regarding age of each youngest and oldest person

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This information is biographically identifiable because it is person specific and the total numbers are so low that this further increases risk that person being identified. The Trust has assessed both our duties under both FOI and DPA and on this occasion considers its disclosure if made publicly available would breach the first two Data Protection Act principles and the general right to object to processing. This refusal is in accordance with section 40.-(2)(a) and (b) by virtue of the first and second condition.

Attachments included: No