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Freedom of Information Act Disclosure log - Reply Extract

You asked

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust

How many patients in your trust aged 11-25 attended either an Emergency Department or other urgent care setting for a weapon enabled assault / assault resulting in a wound between: 1 January 2018 and the 31 December 2018.

Our reply

We're sorry, but on this occasion we are unable to assist you. The Trust's patient management system within the Emergency Department (EDIS) has an assault screen, but the completion of its fields is not compulsory and therefore any data would be unreliable. We have considered and tried to correlate information for you from other electronic sources, however our systems do not allow for accurate reporting.

The Information may be recorded in paper based clinical records, but the Trust could not locate, extract and collate such information as requested within the limitations of the Act as described in section 12(2) of the Act – The Cost of Compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.

Section 16 advice

From past requests we can advise you that the Trust released the following data for the year 2018

The total number of Emergency Department attendances in 2018 was 101,567 of these 705 related to **all** recorded assaults.

Legal notes

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust is neither confirming nor denying it holds the information requested in accordance with section 1 (a) of the Act. It cannot supply it in accordance with section 1(b) because it cannot within the time frame establish whether the answers to the questions are held. See section 12 advice.

Attachments included: No