

FOI REF: 22/690

7th December 2022

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

- 1. Total time, in hours, children spent in A&E, each financial year, since 2010, where their chief complaint was mental health related.**

Clarification was sought asking you to provide one option from the following for a), b) and c) and confirmation was received as follows:

a) Band age for children and adults

- 1) Children aged 0-15 and Adults aged 18 and over**
- 2) Children 0-17 and Adults 18 and over**
- 3) Or any other (please specify)**

b) Time spent in A&E in hours - format of hours

- 1) Rounding hours without decimal (i.e. 26.8 hrs would be 27 hrs)**
- 2) Truncating hours (i.e. 26.8 hrs would be 26 hrs)**
- 3) Hours with 1 decimal place (i.e. 25.9 hrs)**
- 4) Hours and mins (i.e. 28 hrs : 58 mins)**
- 5) Or any other format (please specify)**

c) Total time children / adults spent in A&E each financial year

- 1) Total time for each child/ adult spent in A&E for each financial year**
- 2) Total time as a sum of the time of each child/adult spent in A&E for each financial year**
- 3) Total Time as an average of all time spent in A&E for children/adults on each Financial year**

To answer your questions in order:

- a) For children, can you provide me with all incidents for people under the age of 18 and for adults, 18 and above.
- b) Can you please round the hours?
- c) Total time as a sum of the time of each child/adult spent in A&E for each financial year

Please see the table below for the number of hours children, under the age of 18, spent in A&E, where their chief complaint was mental health related, for the period requested:

Financial Year.	Sum of time in A&E (Hours)
2010/11	813
2011/12	841
2012/13	739
2013/14	820
2014/15	933
2015/16	1326
2016/17	1783
2017/18	1470
2018/19	1833
2019/20	1807
2020/21	1688
2021/22	3429
2022/23 till 30/11/2022	2915

2. Total time, in hours, adults spent in A&E, each financial year, since 2010, where their chief complaint was mental health related.

Please see the table below for the number of hours adults spent in A&E, where their chief complaint was mental health related:

Financial Year.	Sum of time in A&E (Hours)
2010/11	8128
2011/12	8649
2012/13	8676
2013/14	9948
2014/15	11078
2015/16	13158
2016/17	16413
2017/18	15270
2018/19	15744
2019/20	19372
2020/21	12560
2021/22	22344
2022/23 till 30/11/22	17239

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, you have the right to request an internal review. Please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference, within 40 working days. The Trust is not obliged to accept an internal review after this date.

Should you still be dissatisfied with your FOI request, you have the right of complaint to the Information Commissioner at the following address:

The Information Commissioner's Office
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Yours sincerely

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