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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:

Please note data for all the questions are from 10th December 2020 to 31st March 2023.

1a) Please could you provide me the number of patients attending A&E with a mental health condition during each of the following financial years:

- **2022-23** 5106
- **2021-22** 5331
- **2020-21** 1447
- **2019-20** Information no longer available as our systems changed in 2020.
- **2018-19** Information no longer available as our systems changed in 2020.

1b) What was the age of the youngest patient who attended and what was the age of the oldest patient who attended?

The youngest patient was 3 years old and the oldest patient was 97 years old.

1c) What was the average number of days patients spent in A&E waiting to be admitted to a mental health bed – during each of the financial years above?

F.Y.	Avg in Days
2020/2021	0.2
2021/2022	0.3
2022/2023	0.5

Please note the data above is related to patients waiting to be admitted to a general bed pending on a mental health bed becoming available at Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SPFT) or other mental health trust; East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not provide a Mental Health Service.

This service is provided by SPFT, who are the Mental Health Trust for this area, their Freedom of Information email address is:

foi@sussexpartnership.nhs.uk

Mental health beds are allocated by SPFT in an order of priority, this is sometimes out of area at specialist centres, or within SPFT beds across Sussex.

1d) What was the longest time a patient spent in A&E waiting to be admitted to a mental health bed – during each of the financial years above?

F.Y.	Hours
2020/2021	35.5
2021/2022	104.5
2022/2023	174.3

Please note the data above is related to patients waiting to be admitted to a general bed pending on a mental health bed becoming available at Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (SPFT) or other mental health trust, please refer to question 1c.

2a) How many patients attended A&E for alcohol-related problems during each of the following financial years:

- **2022-23** 875
- **2021-22** 983
- **2020-21** 280
- **2019-20** Information no longer available as the system changed in 2020.
- **2018-19** Information no longer available as the system changed in 2020.

Please note that the above data for alcohol related problems can include accidental indigestion of alcohol also as on our system is not possible to discern them.

2b) Can you please break down the figures by age categories:

- **18-30** 412
- **31-40** 427
- **41-50** 425
- **51-60** 418
- **61-70** 232
- **71-80** 87
- **81+** 25

2c) How many patients attended were under the age of 18 - for each of the years above?

F.Y.	Under 18
2020/2021	15
2021/2022	53
2022/2023	44

2d) What age was the youngest patient who attended?

6 years old.

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

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Yours sincerely

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