



FOI REF: 23/794

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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:

I would like to know, over the last 12 months, in emergency departments in your trust (broken down by individual hospital if available/applicable, or across the whole trust if not):

- 1) What percentage of mental health patients attending A&E who were sectioned spent more than 4 hours in A&E after being sectioned?**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust would not section a patient until they have been admitted to a ward, therefore no-one is sectioned in the Trust's Emergency Departments.

Information regarding Mental Health patients is held by Sussex Partnership NHS Foundation Trust who are the Mental Health Trust for this area, their Freedom of Information email address is:-

foi@sussexpartnership.nhs.uk

- 2) On how many occasions, if any, did a patient wait more than 12 hours in A&E after being sectioned?**

Not applicable.

3) For the years 2015-present (or, if data is not available to 2015, to the earliest available year before that year), I would like to know:

- Broken down by year, how many patients attended A&E with an emergency related to dental care in each year.

Please see the table below for the number of patients that attended A&E with an emergency related to dental care for the years requested:

Year	Total Attendances
2015	650
2016	695
2017	698
2018	889
2019	1126
2020	1300
2021	1232
2022	1131
2023	812

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:

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Yours sincerely

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