

FOI REF: 25/222

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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 am submitting a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I would like to obtain data regarding the number of hospital admissions related to sunbed injuries.**

**Specifically, I request the following information in whichever format is easiest to provide: SNOMED, ICD-11, or free text.**

East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not use SNOMED codes for admissions, and no NHS Trusts have implemented the ICD11 coding system yet. We use ICD10 diagnosis codes to record diagnoses given for admitted patients but there is no ICD10 code for 'Sunbed Injuries'.

We do use a code for 'Sunburn' but this could be from natural sunlight. We do use a code for 'Exposure to man-made visible and ultraviolet light' and this code produced zero patients found.

### 1. Sunbed Admissions (SNOMED)

The number of hospital admissions for patients presenting with sunbed-related injuries, classified under:

- 403588002 – Addiction to sunbed use (disorder)
- 242537009 – Exposure to man-made ultraviolet light (event)
- 466293001 – Ultraviolet tanning device (physical object)

If possible, please also include:

- Age group (e.g.: under 18, 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75-84, 85-94, 95-100, over 100)
- Gender of the patient
- Brief description of the reason for admission

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- **Treatment received for the injury**

Not applicable.

## **2. Sunbed Admissions (ICD-11)**

**The number of hospital admissions for patients presenting with sunbed injuries, categorised under:**

- **EJ41 – Burn from exposure to artificial source of ultraviolet radiation**  
**EJ41.0 – Burn from exposure to therapeutic ultraviolet radiation**  
**EJ41.Y – Other specified burn from exposure to artificial source of ultraviolet radiation**  
**EJ41.Z – Burn from exposure to artificial source of ultraviolet radiation, unspecified**

**If possible, please also include:**

- **Age group (as above)**
- **Gender of the patient**
- **Brief description of the reason for admission**
- **Treatment received for the injury**

Not applicable.

## **3. Sunbed Admissions (Free Text)**

**The number of hospital admissions for patients presenting with sunbed injuries, provided in free text format.**

**If possible, please also include:**

- **Age group (as above)**
- **Gender of the patient**
- **Brief description of the reason for admission**
- **Treatment received for the injury**

Not applicable.

### **Timeframe**

**For each month over the past five years (2019–2024), please provide the total number of individuals recorded.**

Not applicable.

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

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