

FOI REF: 25/504

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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:

For your type 1 emergency department(s), please could you provide the following for each of the following financial years (April to March inclusive) in 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24, and 2024/25. If you have more than one emergency department in your trust, please provide the answers as a combined aggregate response.

- 1) Mean average wait time in type 1 departments, from the time of arrival at a department to the time of either admittance, transfer, or discharge.**
- 2) Total number of type 1 attendances.**
- 3) Total Whole-time-equivalent figure for Emergency Medicine consultants in substantive posts.**
- 4) Total Whole-time-equivalent figure for Emergency Medicine nurses in substantive posts.**

[Please see the attached document - 'FOI 25-504 Emergency Dept Wait Times & Staffing FY 2017-18 to 2024-25' for a response to the above.](#)

[Please note that we do not hold the response for questions 1 and 2 prior to 2019 as we did not record if attendances were a Type 1 or not, on the clinical system.](#)

[Also note the wait time \(time of arrival to time admission/transfer/discharge\) calculation is based on national reporting criteria.](#)

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

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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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Year	Mean average wait time (Time of arrival to time of admission/transfer/discharge - Type 1	Total Type 1 Attendances	Total WTE for Substantive EM Consultants	Total WTE for Substantive EM Nurses
2017/18	N/A	N/A	7.5	92.5
2018/19	N/A	N/A	10.5	91.7
2019/20	258	119725	11	99.9
2020/21	232	92830	11.5	113.9
2021/22	250	113537	11.5	117.5
2022/23	314	115745	10.6	132.8
2023/24	297	120110	12.8	150.4
2024/25	334	123777	15.4	150.7

Note: Wait time in minutes