

FOI REF: 25/512

1st August 2025

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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 writing to update and clarify my request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The purpose of this request is to gather data on overnight A&E wait times within the trust. Specifically, I am seeking anonymised data on the following:

- 1) How many patients in A&E waited 24 hours or more from time of arrival until admission to hospital or discharge for each of the past five calendar years: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and partial data for 2025 if available.**
- 2) How many patients in A&E waited for 3 hours or more between the hours of 11pm-6am from time of arrival until admission to hospital or discharge for each of the past five calendar years: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and partial data for 2025 if available.**
- 3) The average A&E wait time from time of arrival until admission to hospital or discharge for each of the past five calendar years: 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and partial data for 2025 if available.**

[Please see the attached spreadsheet - 'FOI 25-512 A&E Wait Times 2020 - 2025'.](#)

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.

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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:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Department
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Year	1. How many patients in A&E waited 24 hours or more from time of arrival until admission to hospital or discharge for each of the past five calendar years?
2020	4017
2021	2351
2022	6421
2023	6030
2024	10938
2025	5845

2025 is up to June inclusive

Year	2. How many patients in A&E waited for 3 hours or more between the hours of 11pm-6am from time of arrival until admission to hospital or discharge for each of the past five calendar years?
2020	8135
2021	10421
2022	11716
2023	11052
2024	12240
2025	5736

2025 is up to June inclusive

Year	3. The average A&E wait time from time of arrival until admission to hospital or discharge for each of the past five calendar years.
2020	218
2021	206
2022	258
2023	245
2024	261
2025	263

wait time in minutes

2025 is up to June inclusive