

FOI REF: 25/552

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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:

1. **How many patients were presented to your department over the last three financial years, coded under Syncope, Blackout, Faint, Loss of Consciousness or Transient Loss of Consciousness (TLOC)?**

[Please see the attached document - 'FOI 25-553 Syncope Loss of Consciousness'.](#)

2. **Of the above patients, how many were admitted to the hospital ward for further assessment?**

[Please see the attached document - 'FOI 25-553 Syncope Loss of Consciousness'.](#)

3. **How many were discharged on the same day following a period of observation?**

[Clarification was sought with regard to point 1, if this question was related to Q1? do you mean discharged from Emergency Department? And also point 2, what do you mean for the term 'the same day'? Do you mean the patient did not stay overnight or the patient was discharged within 24 hrs? do you mean discharged from Emergency Department? and confirmation was received that you require the below:](#)

**Point 1. Number discharged from ED and also number discharged same day from cardiology or other departments where they may have been referred, and**

**Point 2. Patients discharged within 24 hours.**

[Please see the attached document - 'FOI 25-553 Syncope Loss of Consciousness'.](#)

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4. **Do you have a local syncope management/referral pathway being actively utilised by clinicians?**

No, East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust does not have a local syncope management/referral pathway.

5. **Do you have a syncope unit attached to ED or somewhere within your hospital?**

No, the Trust does not have a syncope unit for patients.

6. **If yes, which business unit/department is your syncope unit located in? E.g. cardiology, neurology**

Not applicable.

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](mailto: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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Yours sincerely

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## FOI 25/552 - East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust

**Q1** Patients presented to ED coded under Syncope, Blackout, Faint, Loss of Consciousness or Transient Loss of Consciousness

	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
<b>Tot Atts</b>	4003	4387	3358

**Q2** Patients presented to ED coded under Syncope, Blackout, Faint, Loss of Consciousness or Transient Loss of Consciousness and admitted to the hospital ward

*Split by admission reason ( for assessment or treatment and rehabilitation)*

Adm reason	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Adm for Ass	698	782	493
Adm for Treat/Rehab	734	832	552
<b>Tot Adms</b>	<b>1432</b>	<b>1614</b>	<b>1045</b>

**Q3** Patients presented to ED coded under Syncope, Blackout, Faint, Loss of Consciousness or Transient Loss of Consciousness and discharged(non-admitted to the hospital) from ED within 24 hrs

	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
<b>Tot Atts</b>	2564	2767	2302

Patients presented to ED coded under Syncope, Blackout, Faint, Loss of Consciousness or Transient Loss of Consciousness admitted to the hospital ward and then discharged from the hospital within 24 hrs from the hospital admission ( we cannot say if that was following a period of observation)

*Split by admission reason ( for assessment or treatment and rehabilitation)*

Adm reason	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Adm for Ass	251	284	141
Adm for Treat/Rehab	92	102	105
<b>Tot Adms</b>	<b>343</b>	<b>386</b>	<b>246</b>