

FOI REF: 25/576

27th August 2025**Eastbourne District General Hospital**Kings Drive
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Website: www.esht.nhs.uk**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:

Please find below a freedom of information request relating to homelessness and hospitals in your area.

For each of the following questions, please provide data for each of these financial years:

2025/2026 (So Far)**2024/2025****2023/2024**

1. a.) **Please provide the total number of A&E attendances by patients of No Fixed Abode/Address.**

b.) **If possible, please outline how many of these attendances were at the weekend.**

[Please see the attached document 'FOI Response FOI 25-576 No Fixed Abode'.](#)

2. a.) **Please also provide the number of these individuals (as outlined in Q1a) who attended with a primary/secondary diagnosis of drug poisoning.**

Clarification was sought with regard to your definition of 'drug poisoning and confirmation was received as follows:

We are not looking for any specific drug really, more so that the reason that person has come in is for drug related issues. So, this could be any drug (prescription or non) but the assumption is that drug consumption is the cause of the visit – such as drug overdoses.

- b.) **If possible, please outline how many of these were at the weekend.**

[Please see the attached document 'FOI Response FOI 25-576 No Fixed Abode'.](#)

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3. a.) **Please provide the total number of hospital admissions by patients of No Fixed Abode/Address for each of the same financial years.**
- b.) **If possible, please outline how many of these admissions were at the weekend.**

Please see the attached document 'FOI Response FOI 25-576 No Fixed Abode'.

4. a.) **Please also provide the number of these individuals (as outlined in Q3) who were admitted with a primary/secondary diagnosis of drug poisoning.**
- b.) **If possible, please outline how many of these were at the weekend.**

Please see the attached document 'FOI Response FOI 25-576 No Fixed Abode'.

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:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
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Cheshire SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Department
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FOI 25/576 Homelessness and Hospitals

Q1 a. All ED visits - No Fixed Abode

	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025 to date
Totals (all days)	346	373	172

b. Weekend (Sat/Sun)	94	100	49
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Q2 a. With Presenting Complaint containing 'drug', 'overdose/poisoning'

	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025 to date
Totals (all days)	55	44	14

b. Weekend (Sat/Sun)	12	9	4
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Q3 a. All admissions - No Fixed Abode

	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025 to date
Totals (all days)	57	73	15

b. Weekend (Sat/Sun)	15	21	5
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Q4 a. With primary/secondary diagnosis of drug overdose/poisoning

	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025 to date
Totals (all days)	6	3	0

b. Weekend (Sat/Sun)	4	0	0
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