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Subject: Admissions caused by dog bites from 2017-2022

Please can you provide me with the following information for the (calendar) years:

i)2017 ii) 2018 iii) 2019 iv) 2020 v) 2021 vi) 2022

*If possible, can an age or age range be provided for each?

- Q1 The number of persons who visited A&E in your NHS Trust (Alder Hey) for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?
- Q2 How many persons required inpatient treatment for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?
- Q3 How many persons required surgery for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?
- Q4 How many persons suffered fatal injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?
- A1 Please see attached document: FOI 480 Response A4

The Trust is unable to respond to all or specific elements of your request where the response would indicate five or less individuals. The Trust is withholding this information under Section 40 (Personal Information) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000 to reduce the risk of any individuals being identified. The Trust is of the view that disclosure of such information would significantly increase the risk of individuals being identified and as such would constitute a breach of their personal data.

The Trust has applied exemption Section 40(2) of the FOIA and is therefore withholding the information as disclosure which may identify an individual would breach their rights under the Data Protection Act 2018. The grounds for application of this exemption include:

- Any data relating to patients or staff is third party data, furthermore health data is
 classified as sensitive personal data within the Data Protection Act 2018. As such,
 Section 40 (2) of the FOIA applies along with the Trusts duty of confidentiality. Therefore
 under s.2 (3) (f) (ii) of the FOIA, there is an absolute exemption from disclosure on the
 grounds that it would contravene the First Data Protection Principle.
- The Trust has a duty under the Data Protection Act 2018 and specifically the First Data Protection Principle to ensure personal data regarding staff and patients is processed fairly and lawfully. Disclosure of such data which may identify an individual, either through the data alone or other data in conjunction with that data which may identify an individual would therefore breach this principle.



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 The Data Protection Act 2018 defines sensitive personal data to include data relating to the "physical or mental health or condition" of a person. Any such information about specific individuals falls within this category and disclosure of such data including statistical data, with any potential likelihood of identification would breach the Data Protection Act 2018. 1. The number of persons who visited A&E in your NHS Trust (Alder Hey) for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks - by age group?

Age Group	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
	Information exempted under			Information exempted under	Information exempted under	Information exempted under
	Section 40: Personal data.			Section 40: Personal data.	Section 40: Personal data.	Section 40: Personal data.
	Providing this information			Providing this information	Providing this information	Providing this information
	would likely identify individuals			would likely identify individuals	would likely identify individuals	would likely identify individuals
Under 1yrs	involved.	10	10	involved.	involved.	involved.
1yrs to 4yrs	61	66	62	93	82	53
5yrs to 10yrs	63	75	86	90	84	86
11yrs to 15yrs	37	49	44	45	56	61
	Information exempted under	Information exempted under		Information exempted under	Information exempted under	Information exempted under
	Section 40: Personal data.	Section 40: Personal data.		Section 40: Personal data.	Section 40: Personal data.	Section 40: Personal data.
	Providing this information	Providing this information		Providing this information	Providing this information	Providing this information
	would likely identify individuals	would likely identify individuals		would likely identify individuals	would likely identify individuals	would likely identify individuals
16yrs to 17yrs	involved.	involved.	0	involved.		involved.
		Information exempted under			Information exempted under	
		Section 40: Personal data.			Section 40: Personal data.	
		Providing this information			Providing this information	
		would likely identify individuals			would likely identify individuals	
Over 18yrs	0	involved.	0	0	involved.	0
Grand Total	167	203	202	234	232	207

2. How many persons required inpatient treatment for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks - by age group?

Age Group	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
	Information exempted under	Information exempted under	Information exempted under	Information exempted under	Information exempted under	Information exempted under
	Section 40: Personal data.	Section 40: Personal data.	Section 40: Personal data.	Section 40: Personal data.	Section 40: Personal data.	Section 40: Personal data.
	Providing this information	Providing this information	Providing this information	Providing this information	Providing this information	Providing this information
	would likely identify individuals	would likely identify individuals	would likely identify individuals	would likely identify individuals	would likely identify individuals	would likely identify individuals
Under 1yrs	involved.	involved.	involved.	involved.	involved.	involved.
1yrs to 4yrs	8	13	13	15	12	6
5yrs to 10yrs	10	13	16	12	11	16
	Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data. Providing this information would likely identify individuals					
11yrs to 15yrs	involved. Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data. Providing this information would likely identify individuals	9	11	6	10	6
16yrs to 17yrs	involved.	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	23	38	42	33	34	30

3. How many persons required surgery for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks by age group?

Age Group	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
	Information exempted under	Information exempted under	Information exempted under		Information exempted under	Information exempted under
	Section 40: Personal data.	Section 40: Personal data.	Section 40: Personal data.		Section 40: Personal data.	Section 40: Personal data.
	Providing this information	Providing this information	Providing this information		Providing this information	Providing this information
	would likely identify individuals	would likely identify individuals	would likely identify individuals		would likely identify individuals	would likely identify individuals
Under 1yrs	involved.	involved.	involved.	0	involved.	involved.
1yrs to 4yrs	8	13	13	15	12	6
5yrs to 10yrs	10	13	16	12	11	16
11yrs to 15yrs	Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data. Providing this information would likely identify individuals involved.	9	11	6	10	6
16yrs to 17yrs	Information exempted under Section 40: Personal data. Providing this information would likely identify individuals involved.	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	involved.	38	42	33	34	30
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4. How many persons suffered fatal injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?

Age Group	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Under 1yrs	0	0	0	0	0	0
1yrs to 4yrs	0	0	0	0	0	0
5yrs to 10yrs	0	0	0	0	0	0
11yrs to 15yrs	0	0	0	0	0	0
16yrs to 17yrs	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	0	0	0	0	0	0