

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am pleased to confirm the following.

Can you specify how many patients under the age of 18 have been treated for knife injuries in your Trust since 2013. Can you give a break down by age and sex.

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Included are all inpatients under the age of 18 who were discharged from MKUH between the 1st January 2013 and the 31st January 2019, and the inpatient spell was assigned any of the following ICD-10 codes in any secondary diagnosis position:

X990 to X999 - Assault by sharp object.

There are no specific codes to identify if the sharp object was a knife. To obtain this information would entail trawling through patient records which would require permission and exceed the appropriate time limit.

Please note that the numbers reported are for patients admitted to the hospital and not A & E attendances. A&E data does not specify if the injury was an assault, self-harm or accidental.

Age and sex of the patient is exempt under Section 40, Personal Information (where disclosure may contravene the Data Protection Act) unless permission to release is given or the information is already in the public domain.

Over the same period can you tell me how many staff while at work in Trust hospitals have been threatened with a knife or similar sharp object, or attacked by people using knives or similar sharp object.

4 incidents

How many staff or visitors (ie not patients) to Trust hospitals have required treatment following an attack in a hospital.

2 – Staff members

How many times have police been called to hospitals in the trust area to deal with incidents involving violent behaviour of patients or hospital visitors in each year from 2013 to present?

The Trust does not record this information.

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom Of Information Co-ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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