

Date of Report: 29/12/2022

FOI - 7834 - Dog Bites/Attacks

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<p>1. The number of persons who visited A&E in your NHS Trust (Milton Keynes University Hospital) for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?</p>	<p>Under section 16, subsection 16(1), the FOI act sets out a duty for a public authority to provide advice and assistance to anyone who has made or is thinking of making a request for information. This means we have a duty to advise and assist not only applicants but prospective applicants. We have reviewed the question you have asked the Trust to answer under the FOI Act. Having reviewed the question, we believe that a response based directly on the question that is being asked would provide information which may be misconstrued, potentially leading to misinterpretation.</p> <p>This is on the basis that we have no way of identifying patients that attended ED with dog related injuries. It is possible to identify patients who attended ED with animal related injuries, and these could be provided, however this would not correctly answer the question that has been asked. To identify those related to a dog, we would need to undertake an audit of these patients. Given the amount of time associated with such an exercise, it would result in the Trust breaching the time ceiling set out in the FOI Act. Therefore, based on this conclusion, the Trust would not be able to comply with this request.</p> <p>We can provide data for all A&E Attendances where the patient attended with animal related injuries, but this is a deviation from the original request. Please let us know if you would like this information</p>																																																																																																						
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