

27 March 2017

Our Ref: RFI 19745

Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000
Children treated or admitted with high alcohol levels**

I am writing to confirm that the South Eastern Health & Social Care Trust (the Trust) has now completed its search for the information relating to the above which you requested on 27 February 2017.

A response to each of the questions raised has been provided by the Hospital Services Directorate and is attached in Appendix A.

Under the terms of the legislation, if you are unhappy with this response you have the right to seek a review within the Trust in the first instance. If you wish to do so, please write to me at the address below.

If after such a review you are still unhappy with the response, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner who will undertake an independent review. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

If you have any queries about this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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I would like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act.

Q1. *The number of children (under the age of 18) who have been admitted to hospital for high levels of alcohol in the blood – for the years January-December 2016, Jan-December 2015, January-December 2014.*

A1. Please see Table 1 below. Admission counts are provided on the basis of codes associated with any alcohol levels in the blood. Coding is not complete for 2016 and is subject to change. No specific definition was provided with your request in relation to 'high levels of alcohol in the blood', therefore all codes associated with alcohol levels have been used as a proxy indicator in the provision of information.

Table 1 – Number of Children admitted to hospital for high levels of alcohol in the blood

	2014	2015	2016
Admissions	13	14	13

Q2. *Breakdown by age of children (under the age of 18) who have been admitted to hospital for high levels of alcohol in the blood – for the years above.*

A2. Please see Table 2 below which shows the breakdown of children by age who have been admitted to hospital for high levels of alcohol in the blood.

Table 2 - Number of Children admitted to hospital for high levels of alcohol in the blood, broken down by age

Age	2014	2015	2016
13	<5	<5	0
14	<5	<5	5
15	<5	<5	<5
16	<5	<5	<5
17	<5	5	<5
Total	13	14	13

Q3. *The number of children (under the age of 18) who have been treated in hospital for high levels of alcohol in the blood – for the years above*

A3. Please see Table 3 below. Emergency Department (ED) Attendance figures are based on under 18s attending ED. No specific definition was provided with your request in relation to 'high levels of alcohol in the blood'.

Table 3 - Number of Children attending hospital for high levels of alcohol in the blood

	2014	2015	2016
Emergency Department attendances	84	117	109

- Q4. *Breakdown by age of children (under the age of 18) who have been treated in hospital for high levels of alcohol in the blood – for the years above.*
- A4. Please see Table 4 below which shows the breakdown of children by age who have been treated in hospital for high levels of alcohol in the blood.

Table 4 - Number of Children attending hospital for high levels of alcohol in the blood, broken down by age

Age	2014	2015	2016
14 and under	16	22	24
15	15	23	30
16	21	31	23
17	32	41	32
Grand Total	84	117	109