

Re: Your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

- 1) The total agency spend per year by acute paediatric departments, including paediatric Accident and Emergency departments (A&E), on agency 'Registered Mental Health Nurses' (RMNs) for the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 financial years.

None of the years requested show any spend on agency 'Registered Mental Health Nurses'.

- 2) The total agency spend per year by acute adult departments, including A&E, on agency 'Registered Mental Health Nurses' (RMNs) for the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 financial years.

As above

- 3) The number of attendances to A&E by patients aged under 16 with a recorded first diagnosis of psychiatric conditions, those where the recorded patient group is 'intentional self-harm' and those where both criteria appear, in the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 financial years.

First Diagnosis in ED of Psychiatric Conditions: 133 patients in 2017/18; 139 patients in 2018/19

Those with a recorded patient group of intentional self-harm: 35 in 2017/18; 89 in 2018/19

Those with both criteria met in the same attendance: 10 in 2017/18; 15 in 2018/19

- 4) The number of attendances to A&E by patients aged over 16 with a recorded first diagnosis of psychiatric conditions, those where the recorded patient group is 'intentional self-harm' and those where both criteria appear, in the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 financial years.

First Diagnosis in ED of Psychiatric Conditions: 2,070 in 2017/18; 1,961 in 2018/19

Those with a recorded patient group of intentional self-harm: 515 in 2017/18; 889 in 2018/19

Those with both criteria met in the same attendance: 58 in 2017/18; 81 in 2019/20

Please note, I am aware your organisation may not provide mental health care; however, each year thousands of children, young people and adults attend hospital due to their mental health (in mental health crisis or following self-harm or overdose). They are often looked after by agency RMNs funded by your organisation, while the child, young person or adult is in your care awaiting assessment by the local mental health team or discharge or transfer to a mental health inpatient unit. I am aware the data relating to all my FOI requests is accessible internally due to my experience of working within NHS trusts.