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

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, could you please provide me with the following information relating to the drug overdose admissions in your hospital.

1. The hospitals in your Trust?

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2. How many admissions related to drug overdose for year 2022 and from January to July 2023?

1069 - Individual spells for patients with overdose diagnosis - overdose diagnosis according to coding are 'poison' related

3. What are the most common drug overdose cases admitted in your hospital? Over the counter, prescribed or recreational drugs.

The top 5 overdose diagnosis' are:

Poisoning: 4-Aminophenol Derivatives: - 426

Poisoning: Other Opioids: - 144

Poisoning: Other and Unspecified Antidepressants: - 64

Poisoning: Benzodiazepines: - 53

Poisoning: Insulin and Oral Hypoglycaemic [Antidiabetic] Drugs: - 43

4. How many patients admitted for drug overdose received medical treatment at a ward level?

Without clarification on what is meant by a treatment, we cannot answer this question

5. How many patients admitted for drug overdose required admission to the intensive care unit? How many received continuous renal replacement therapy?

17 of the Patients were seen on ITU - NONE OF WHICH WERE SEEN ON ITU

6. What is the average length of stay for those patients admitted for drug overdose in your ITU?

The average LoS for Patients seen on ITU for a drug overdose was 4.7 days

7. What is the total number of deaths related to drug overdose in your hospital?

Coding is unable to give us a guarantee that a patient has died of an overdose. Although we can see where a patient has been admitted with an overdose noted as a diagnosis and see that a patient has passed away with this diagnosis. We cannot confirm that the overdose/poisoning diagnosis is the cause of/or is related to the patient's death.