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**Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 5523**

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 10th January 2023.

Your request was as follows:

Please find below a freedom of information request relating to people experiencing homelessness as well as substance use.

1. Please provide the total number of A&E attendances by patients of No Fixed Abode/Address for each of the financial years from 2011/12 to 2021/2022.
2. Please also provide the number of these individuals (as outlined in Q1) who were admitted with a primary/secondary diagnosis of drug poisoning.

The Walton Centre NHS Foundation Trust (WCFT) is a Specialist Neuroscience Tertiary Care Centre; we do not have an emergency department; therefore, we cannot provide this information.

3. Please provide the total number of hospital admissions by patients of No Fixed Abode/Address for each of the same financial years.
4. Please also provide the number of these individuals (as outlined in Q3) who were admitted with a primary/secondary diagnosis of drug poisoning.

3. I can confirm that the WCFT have had the following number of hospital admissions by patients of no fixed abode for the following financial years -

2011/12 - 1

2012/13 - 0



2013/14 - 1  
2014/15 - 1  
2015/16 - 1  
2016/17 - 1  
2017/18 – 1  
2020/21 – 1  
2021/22 – 2  
2022/23 – 0

4. The WCFT is a Specialist Neuroscience Tertiary Care Centre; patients would not be admitted for primary or secondary drug poisoning. Therefore, we cannot provide this information.

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Office at the address above.

**Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 5523 in any future communications.**

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Yours sincerely

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**Mr. Mike Burns, Executive Lead for Freedom of Information**