

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 22-616	20 th January 2022
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Please can you provide me with the following information for the (calendar) years:

i) 2017 ii) 2018 iii) 2019 iv) 2020 v) 2021 vi) 2022

***If possible, can an age or age range be provided for each?**

1) The number of persons who visited A&E in your board (Aneurin Bevan University Health Board) for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?

Please find below attendance at the Health Board's Emergency Department presenting with a complaint of a 'bite'. Please note that it is not possible to identify who or what inflicted the bite at this stage of care. There is no presenting complaint category on the system to record being *attacked* by a dog.

Age Group	Year					
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
0-9	154	162	157	163	192	204
10-19	148	175	167	133	190	198
20-29	279	306	297	222	405	398
30-39	253	331	325	253	414	441
40-49	256	311	274	226	321	353
50-59	216	297	296	212	335	288
60-69	152	134	183	133	211	221
70-79	79	109	104	76	132	146
80+	36	37	36	26	43	55

2) How many persons required inpatient treatment for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?

Please find below information relating to persons who required inpatient treatment after being bitten by a dog.

Please note that it is not possible to identify patients that were *attacked* by a dog.

Age Group	Year					
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
0-9	13	19	15	13	17	20
10-19	3	8	1	4	1	4
20-29	3	8	4	7	14	5
30-39	5	7	4	7	15	12
40-49	14	5	6	5	12	11

Age Group	Year					
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
50-59	5	16	8	11	6	11
60-69	5	7	12	3	8	11
70-79	4	8	8	3	3	6
80+	3	2	4	2	4	6

3) How many persons required surgery for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?

Please find below information relating to persons who required inpatient surgery after being bitten by a dog.

Please note that as per Q2 it is not possible to identify patients that were *attacked* by a dog. The National Clinical Coding Standards (OPCS) procedure classification includes all interventions and procedures performed and not just surgical procedures. However, obvious non-operations such as scans and intravenous infusions have been removed.

Age Group	Year					
	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
0-9	10	18	12	10	13	14
10-19	2	6	1	3	1	4
20-29	2	6	2	4	3	4
30-39	2	4	4	2	7	3
40-49	9	2	3	2	2	8
50-59	3	8	5	8	2	3
60-69	3	3	5	3	4	7
70-79	3	1	4	2	2	3
80+	-	-	1	-	-	4

4) How many persons suffered fatal injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?

Zero patients have suffered fatal injuries following admission to our hospitals caused by dog bites within the years 2017 to 2022. Please note that it is not possible to identify patients that were *attacked* by a dog.