

Freedom of Information Request	FOI 23-500	17 October 2023
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Your request

You requested the following:

1. How many hospital admissions have been due to bites from dogs in the years 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022 and so far in 2023.

Our response

1. We use the ICD-10 to categorise and classify patient admissions; the ICD (International Classification of Diseases) is a globally used medical classification used in health management. To comply with your request, we have used ICD-10 external cause code W54 to identify the patients; this means that the figures in the table below include patients who have been 'struck or bitten by a dog'.

We have split the data into patients who have been admitted and those who were 'assessed out'. 'Assessed Outs' are patients that have attended an emergency assessment unit, are assessed, sent home (discharged) and not admitted to a ward.

Calendar Year	No. of Admissions with ICD-10 code W54	No. of Assessed Outs with ICD-10 code W54	Total
2016	80	3	83
2017	57	3	60
2018	85	6	91
2019	66	1	67
2020	59	5	64
2021	86	16	102
2022	103	16	119
Jan-Aug 2023	70	14	84