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## Dog Attacks

Please can you provide me with the following information for the (calendar) years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 - if possible, can an age or age range be provided for each?

### 1. The number of persons who visited A&E in your NHS Trust (Belfast) for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?

Age range	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
0-9	111	101	124	96	133	104
10-19	61	77	84	58	73	85
20-29	111	123	150	92	54	78
30-39	69	85	105	60	46	77
40-49	67	66	64	74	44	50
50-59	71	91	86	67	39	49
60-69	33	45	42	31	23	27
70-79	24	22	23	14	16	*
80-89	*	12	*	*	<5	<5
90-100	<5		<5	<5	<5	
<b>Total</b>	<b>558</b>	<b>622</b>	<b>688</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>493</b>

In order to protect patient confidentiality, any cells containing values less than 5 (<5) have been suppressed. Where it may be possible to derive the value of a suppressed cell by subtraction, the next highest value has also been suppressed.

**Use of <5 (less than five):** We are unable to provide an exact figure - exempt from release under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act - as this could make patients personally identifiable. Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation 2018.

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

Age range	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
0-9	<5	5	5	<5	<5	<5
10-19		<5		<5	<5	
20-29			<5		<5	<5
30-39			<5		<5	
40-49						<5
50-59		<5	<5	<5		<5
60-69	<5		<5			
70-79		<5	<5		<5	<5
80-89	<5	<5				

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

Age range	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
0-9	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5
30-39					<5	
60-69	<5		<5			<5
70-79		<5				
80-89		<5				

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

There were no fatal injuries caused by dog bites/attacks.