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Mental Health Waits in ED

1.   How many patients presented at your largest Emergency Department with mental ill health (psychiatric, psychological, and/or behavioural disturbances/changes) as the primary issue each year between and including 2019 to 2025? Please include data up to the end of February 2025.

2.   How many patients identified in question 1 waited more than 12 hours for transfer to a bed in a mental health unit after a decision to admit? Please provide year by year data between and including 2019 to 2025, and include data up to the end of February 2025.

Royal Victoria Hospital Emergency Department Attendances with A Mental Ill Health Primary Diagnosis. This information is sourced from Symphony up to 5th June 2024 and Encompass from 6th June onwards.

Please note - Information Is Available From 1/4/2020. Numbers under 10 have been masked for patient confidentiality.

Period	Total attendances	Attendances Waiting More than 12 hours for Transfer to a bed in a Mental Health Unit after a Decision to Admit
1/4/2020 to 31/12/2020	1384	<10
2021	1571	<10
2022	1016	19
2023	1337	24
2024	1364	53
1/1/25 to 28/2/25	212	<10

We are unable to provide an exact figure where numbers are very low, ie <10. To provide this level of information would reduce numbers to discoverable limits where the patients could be identifiable.
This is exempt from release under section 40(2) Personal Information relating to a third party, of the FOI Act.
Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the Data Protection Act 2018.

3.   How many incidents of physical violence carried out towards staff by all patients were reported each year between and including 2019 to 2025 in your largest Emergency Department? Please include data up to the end of February 2025.

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No. of incidents of physical violence towards staff by patients in largest Emergency Department

	Total
2019	30
2020	25
2021	11
2022	16
2023	16
2024	26
2025 (Jan-Feb)	1