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In addition to providing the below data can you confirm the process of dealing with patients who do not have an identity and confirm if they are still provided with treatment?

The process for dealing with patients of unknown or uncertain identity is outlined in page 4 of the attached policy. Please note this policy is being updated to reflect Encompass rather than Patient Administration System.

1. **Confirm how many patients with no known identity (name & address etc) presented at Belfast Health and Social Care Trust in Northern Ireland over the past three years - 2023/24, 2024/25 & 2025/26.**

Fiscal Year of Attendance	Total Patients with No Known Identity
2023/2024	306
2024/2025	212
2025/2026	94

2. **Can you confirm how many patients with no known identity were denied treatment during these three years.**

   No patients were denied treatment

3. **Can you confirm how many patients with no known identity were given treatment during these three years.**

Fiscal Year of Attendance	Total Patients with No Known Identity given treatment

2023/2024	289
2024/2025	203
2025/2026	86

These totals exclude patients who either had no triage time recorded or who Left without been seen