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Emergency Department Admissions over a six month period

Request and Response

I am writing to access records held by the Accident and Emergency department (A&E) within the HSCNI Belfast Trust under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The request is related to the number of admissions to A&E in Belfast from the 25th of January 2022 until the 25th of July 2022 (6 month period).

1. How many recorded admissions were related to alcohol only in the Belfast area?

Between 25th January 2022 and 25th July 2022 there were 2,920 alcohol related attendances to Belfast Trust Emergency Departments.

• What time period did most of these admissions occur? (i.e., from 6pm-midnight; midnight-6am)

Attendances by Arrival period

Type of attendance	Midnight-6am	6am - 6pm	6pm - Midnight	Total
Alcohol only	854	1,141	925	2,920

• Can you confirm the locations where patients had been before their admission to a&e? [(i.e. licensed premises (pub, bar, nightclub restaurant, etc.) domestic setting/private dwelling or outdoor gathering (festival/parade/street party)]. If so, what were the top three locations (in order)?

This information is not collected.

2. How many recorded admissions were related to drugs only in the Belfast area?

Between 25th January 2022 and 25th July 2022 there were 1,351 drug related attendances to Belfast Trust Emergency Departments.

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- **How many of those admissions were admitted that had been using ecstasy, mdma, ketamine and powder cocaine?**

Between 25th January 2022 and 25th July 2022 there 239 attendances to Belfast Trust Emergency Departments due to the use of ecstasy, mdma, ketamine and powder cocaine.

- **What time period did most of admissions occur? (i.e., from 6pm-midnight; midnight-6am)**

Attendances by Arrival period

Type of attendance	Midnight-6am	6am - 6pm	6pm - Midnight	Total
Drug Use Only	305	551	495	1,351

- **Can you confirm the locations where patients had been before their admission to a&e? [(i.e. licensed premises (pub, bar, nightclub restaurant, etc.) domestic setting/private dwelling or outdoor gathering (festival/parade/street party)]. If so, what were the top three locations (in order)?**

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3. How many recorded admissions were related to a combination of alcohol and drugs in the Belfast area?

Between 25th January 2022 and 25th July 2022 there were 396 drug & alcohol related attendances to Belfast Trust Emergency Departments.

- **How many of those admissions were admitted that had been using ecstasy, mdma, ketamine and powder cocaine?**

Of the 396 drug & alcohol related attendances between 25th January 2022 and 25th July 2022 to Belfast Trust Emergency Departments, 133 were recorded as having used ecstasy, mdma, ketamine or powder cocaine.

- **What time period did most of these incidents occur? (i.e., from 6pm-midnight; midnight-6am)**

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Attendances by Arrival period

Type of attendance	Midnight-6am	6am - 6pm	6pm - Midnight	Total
Alcohol and drug use	119	151	126	396

- Can you confirm the locations where patients had been before their admission to a&e? [(i.e. licensed premises (pub, bar, nightclub restaurant, etc.) domestic setting/private dwelling or outdoor gathering (festival/parade/street party)]. If so, what were the top three locations (in order)?

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