

6 August 2024

Trauma Centre, Royal Victoria Hospital

For all patients from these postcodes: BT70, BT74, BT75, BT76, BT78, BT79, BT81, BT92, BT93 and BT94

1. Can I ask for a number of patients treated in the trauma centre in the Royal Victoria Hospital for each of the past five years

The number of patients admitted into the Major Trauma Unit Ward in the Royal Victoria Hospital via the Emergency Department from postcode areas BT70, BT74, BT75, BT76, BT78, BT79, BT81, BT92, BT93 and BT94 from June 2020 to March 2024 by year is outlined in the table below:

Number of admissions	FY2020/2021 (June 20 - March 21)	FY2021/2022	FY2022/2023	FY2023/2024
Total	6	18	23	17

2. For all of these cases can I have the method of transport to the Northern Ireland major trauma Centre? - by NIAS ambulance by air ambulance Rapid response vehicle or by other means.

The number of patients admitted into the Major Trauma Unit Ward in the Royal Victoria Hospital via the Emergency Department from postcode areas BT70, BT74, BT75, BT76, BT78, BT79, BT81, BT92, BT93 and BT94 by Method of Arrival from June 2020 to March 2024 by year is set out in the table below:

Method of Transport	FY2020/2021 (June 20 - March 21)	FY2021/2022	FY2022/2023	FY2023/2024
Emergency Ambulance	5	15	15	11
Helicopter Ambulance	<5	<5	7	<5
Private Transport	0	<5	<5	<5

Please Note

Data is sourced from the information as recorded on the Belfast Trust Emergency Department Symphony System and relates to the number of patients attending the RVH Emergency Department and admitted into the Major Trauma Unit in the RVH. This Ward only opened in June 2020; therefore, data is only available from this date.

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 Regulations 2018.