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Young Patient Alcohol and Drugs Related Admissions

The first two requests relate to alcohol and drugs related admissions to hospitals in Northern Ireland each year between 2020 and 2024 (or the latest year for which you have statistics).

Can I please have specific information on the following?

1, the number of alcohol-related admissions involving patients aged 19 and under between the years (above) including breakdown of gender and age.

Number of Alcohol Related Admissions By Age Group By Gender (1st January 2020 to 31st May 2024)											
Diagnostic Description	Age Group	Y2020		Y2021		Y2022		Y2023		Y2024*	
		F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M
Alcohol related	0-9		<10		<10						
	10-14	12	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
	15-19	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10

2, the number of drug (either illegal or prescription)- related admissions involving patients aged 19 and under between the years (above) including breakdown of gender and age.

Number of Drug Related Admissions By Age Group By Gender (1st January 2020 to 31st May 2024)											
Diagnostic Description	Age Group	Y2020		Y2021		Y2022		Y2023		Y2024*	
		F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M
Drug related	0-9	12	13	<10	10	<10	<10	<10	11	<10	<10
	10-14	<10	<10	13	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
	15-19	14	15	12	<10	16	14	34	18	8	<10

The second request relates to the number of those aged 19 and under who were treated in emergency departments for alcohol or drugs intoxication between the years 2020 and 2024 (or the latest year for which you have statistics) including breakdown of gender and age.

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Number of ED Attendances Related to Alcohol/Drugs By Age Group By Gender (1st January 2020 to 31st May 2024)											
Diagnostic Description	Age Group	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024*	
		F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M
Alcohol/Drugs Related	0-9	<10	11	<10	<10	14	<10	<10	<10	<10	<10
	10-14	23	<10	28	11	43	15	35	14	16	<10
	15-19	102	80	110	66	96	71	160	114	36	29

Notes:-

Part one of this information has been sourced from the Belfast Trust patient administration system based on ICD10 clinical coding of the patients admission. Part two of this information has been sourced from the Emergency Department Information system for patients who have a diagnosis recorded on the system.

Information has been provided from the 1st January 2020 to the 31st May 2024.

Due to GDPR legislation and the low number of patients we have grouped up the ages and for figures under 10 we use <10 to ensure patients cannot be identified.