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Food Poisoning due to Wild Food

I would like to submit a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) regarding cases of food poisoning due to incorrect identification or inappropriate preparation of wild food.

Please provide the relevant information for the period between 1 April 2020 and the most recent date for which data is available.

Please could you provide the following:

- **A yearly breakdown of the number of cases of food poisoning due to incorrect identification or inappropriate preparation of wild food.**
- **The type of wild food that caused the food poisoning (for example: fungi, plant, berries, etc…). Please include the specific species if known.**
- **The symptoms experienced by the patient and the recovery time (for example: overnight stay or discharged within a couple hours)**
- **The location where this food was picked.**
- **We would define 'wild or foraged' foods to be either:**

  - Wild, naturally growing food which was picked and consumed by an individual

  - Wild, naturally growing food which was consumed by an individual, but was served in a restaurant environment, having been picked in the wild within the UK.

- **If you need to carry out a key terms search to locate these records, please include the terms "foraged", "foraging", "wild food", "forager", "wild ingredients". If you would document these cases in another way, please include these results as per the spirit of my request.**

Nil response as none of our food supply contracts include wild food.

A patient admitted to hospital with food poisoning, or a service user with food poisoning in the community is not something that would be recorded on any of the systems.