

Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request Reference FoI/23/689

Drug Overdose

Information Requested:

- 1) How many admissions related to drug overdose for year 2022?
- 2) How many admissions related to drug overdose from January to November 2023?
- 3) What are the most common drug overdose cases admitted in your hospital?
- 4) How many patients admitted for drug overdose received medical treatment at a ward level 2022?
- 5) How many patients admitted for drug overdose received medical treatment at a ward level Jan - Nov 2023?
- 6) How many patients admitted for drug overdose required admission to the intensive care unit for advanced medical intervention such as mechanical ventilation and continuous renal replacement therapy in 2022?
- 7) How many patients admitted for drug overdose required admission to the intensive care unit for advanced medical intervention such as mechanical ventilation and continuous renal replacement therapy in January - November 2023?
- 8) What is the average length of stay for those patients admitted for drug overdose in your intensive/critical care unit?
- 9) What is the total number of deaths related to drug overdose in your hospital in 2022?
- 10) What is the total number of deaths related to drug overdose in your hospital Jan-Nov 2023?

Response Details:

In response to questions 1–3

Please see the attached Excel document. Please note that patients may have a combination of a drug-related diagnosis and are thus counted in more than one category. Additionally, a recorded-drug diagnosis may not be the cause of the admission, which we cannot identify.

In response to questions 4–7

	Regular Ward	Critical Care	Total
2022	274	26	300
2023	207	22	229
Total	481	48	529

Please note that patients having a 'Critical Care/Intensive Care Ward Stay' may have had a 'Regular Ward Prior or Post', though counted once.

In response to question 8

	Number of Episodes	Average length of stay on Critical Care (days)
2022	26	6.15
2023	25	6.60

In response to questions 9 and 10

2022: 8 deaths.

2023: 7 deaths.

Please note that though the individuals may have been coded with a drug-related diagnosis, this is not necessarily indicative of cause of death – cause of death is not coded.