

**FoI request re: attempted suicide/self-harm admissions**  
**Ref: 20-AR-3107**

Thank you for your request for information relating to the number of attempted suicide/self-harm admissions in 2019 and 2020.

This was received on 3 July 2020 and has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please find our responses below:

**Request:**

Please can you provide the number of attempted suicide/self-harm admissions to the trust in the months outlined below:

- (i) 1<sup>st</sup> January 2019 to March 31<sup>st</sup> 2019
- (ii) April 1<sup>st</sup> 2019 to Jun 30<sup>th</sup> 2019
  
- (iii) 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 31st
- (iv) April 1<sup>st</sup> 2020 to June 30<sup>th</sup> 2020

If possible can you provide a breakdown of age group; over 18, under 18.

Please note we cannot provide figures on the number of attempted suicides admissions as we are unable to identify suicide attempts specifically, we are only able identify attempts at self-harm.

The figures below are for Attempted Self-harm admissions to the trust.

**Attempted Self Harm Admissions to The Whittington Health Trust: 01/01/2019 - 30/06/2019**

Count of Ip Spell Id-PAS	Discharge Month					
Age Group	Jan-19	Feb-19	Mar-19	Apr-19	May-19	Jun-19
Under 18 years	10	8	9	9	14	≤5
18 years & Over	11	17	20	21	15	20

Notes: Figures are based on diagnosis codes

Please note that the trust’s policy is not to provide patient or staff numbers, where the response is less than or equal to five (≤5) as it would potentially allow identification of the individual patient/staff and would therefore be personal data. The trust considers that release of that information would breach GDPR/DPA18 principles on the grounds that it would not be fair in all the circumstances. This information is therefore exempt under section 40 of the FOI Act 2000.

**Attempted Self Harm Admissions to The Whittington Health Trust: 01/01/2020 - 30/06/2020**

Count of Ip Spell	Month of Discharge					
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Id-PAS						
Age Group	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20	Jun-20
Under 18 years	≤5	7	6	≤5	6	≤5
18 years & Over	12	14	11	4	15	14

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I hope you find this information useful. Please quote the above reference in any further communication on this matter.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me by email or at the address shown below.

Yours sincerely

*The NHS is facing unprecedented challenges relating to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic at the current time. Understandably, our resources have been diverted to support our front-line colleagues who are working tremendously hard to provide care for our patients, and to those in need of our services. This is impeding our ability to respond to FOI requests in a timely manner as we do not have the capacity to carry out full searches for information.*

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If you are dissatisfied with this response, Whittington Health operates a complaints procedure, details of which can be found below:

**FOI Complaints:**  
 In the first instance, write to:  
**Director Lead for Information Governance**  
 Chief Operating Officer  
 Jenner Building

If you remain dissatisfied with the Trust's response, you may write to:  
**Information Commissioner's Office**  
 Wycliffe House  
 Water Lane  
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