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Freedom of information request

I am writing in response to your request for information which has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Your questions and our responses are shown below:

The data we require are as follows (for period 1st January 2015 and 31st December 2015)

ED attendance date	Age or date of birth	Gender
Reason for ED attendance		
2/2/15	35 years	Male
Assault		
etc.		

1. Please see below the attendances for assault related incidents at A & E for period 1st January 2015 to 31st December 2015.

We have not provided the actual dates or exact ages as there is a risk if we were to place the age and date of each patient in the public domain that someone may be able to identify the individual. On this basis we rely on the exemption contained in s40 (2) and condition in s40(3)(a)i, which prevents us from disclosing personal data if by doing so we would breach any of the data protection principles. We do not believe that patients would expect us to process their personal data in this way and conclude that disclosure would breach the first data protection principle, which requires us to process personal data fairly and lawfully. However we have provided the dates by quarterly and age groups which I hope you find helpful.

Assault attendance in A & E in 2015		
January – March 2015		
Age or date of birth	Female	Male
11 - 20	4	8
21 - 30	2	10
31 - 40	3	4
41 - 50	3	4
51 - 60	0	3
61 –70	2	0
71 - 80	0	1
Total	14	30
April – June 2015		
Age or date of birth	Female	Male
11 - 20	3	6
21 - 30	3	10
31 - 40	1	6
41 - 50	1	8
51 - 60	0	3
61 –70	0	1
71 - 80	1	0
Total	9	34
July – September 2015		
Age or date of birth	Female	Male
11 - 20	1	3
21 - 30	5	9
31 - 40	0	8
41 - 50	1	5
51 - 60	0	2
61 –70	0	1
71 - 80	0	1
Total	7	29
October – December 2015		
Age or date of birth	Female	Male
11 - 20	3	4
21 - 30	3	14
31 - 40	2	3
41 - 50	3	6
51 - 60	0	3
61 –70	0	1
71 - 80	0	0
81 - 90	0	1
Total	11	32

We also require the total ED attendances for 2015 .There were 87,670 Emergency Department attendances in 2015.