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Subject: Dog attacks and bites within your trust.

## REQUEST

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to ask for the following information regarding persons treated for dog attacks and bites within your trust.

Please state:

- 1) How many persons have been admitted to hospitals in your Trust for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?
- 2) How many persons required inpatient treatment for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?
- 3) How many persons required surgery for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?
- 4) How many persons suffered fatal injuries for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?
- 5) What the total cost of treating injuries caused by dog bites or attacks was to your trust?

Please provide information for the following calendar years:

- i) 2013
- ii) 2014
- iii) 2015
- iv) 2016 to date

Under your section 16 duty to provide advice and assistance, please let me know if you hold the data in a slightly different form, i.e. that you centrally record animal attack injuries but not the type of animal that was responsible, so that the request can be accordingly clarified.

## RESPONSE

Please note for all the responses below the YTD for 2016 runs from 01-01-2016 to 31-08-2016 inclusive.

Question 1 - How many persons have been admitted to hospitals in your Trust for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?

2013	202
2014	208
2015	242
2016	166

Question 2 ignored as per clarification from requested

Question 3 How many persons required surgery for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?

The following lists the numbers of patients who are coded with a primary OPCS4 code following an admission to the trust with an injury caused by a dog bite or attack. We cannot say if the procedure was due to the dog attack or for another reason. An audit of the medical notes would be needed for this, the information team can supply the patient list for this audit is required.

2013	165
2014	164
2015	136
2016	91

Question 4 How many persons suffered fatal injuries for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?

Nil