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REQUEST

For each of the last five years for which figures are available, how many emergency admissions were attributable, or partially attributable, to the consumption of:

- a) mephedrone;
- b) piperazine;
- c) salvia divinorum.

If locating all the data takes over the allotted time, please prioritise 'a', and then 'b'.

If data is not available for previous 5 years, please supply the data for the years which is available.

The aim of my inquiry is to ascertain if there has been an increase in admissions related to New Psychoactive Substances (so-called 'legal highs') have increased. If you believe there is a better question to ask, please do let me know.

RESPONSE

As per advice from our clinical coding department, there is only a code for one of the drugs stated above, piperazine, and as such the response below is comprised of patients coded with T374 (ICD-10 code for piperazine).

2009-10 = 0
2010-11 = 0
2011-12 = 1
2012-13 = 0
2013-14 = 0