

Rydym yn croesawu gohebiaeth yn y Gymraeg neu'r Saesneg. Atebir gohebiaeth Gymraeg yn y Gymraeg, ac ni fydd hyn yn arwain at oedi. We welcome correspondence in Welsh or English. Welsh language correspondence will be replied to in Welsh, and this will not lead to a delay.

Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 22-L-031**

You asked:

Please can you provide me with the following information for the (calendar) years:

i) 2017 ii) 2018 iii) 2019 iv) 2020 v) 2021 vi) 2022

***If possible, can an age or age range be provided for each?**

1) The number of persons who visited A&E in your board (Swansea) for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?

Please note that we have provided for both our Emergency Department at Morriston Hospital and our Minor Injuries Unit at Neath Port Talbot Hospital. If a patient attended more than once, they have been counted for each attendance. We have also included transfers, where a patient may have been transferred from our Minor Injuries unit to our Emergency Department.

Age band	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
0-9	95	107	123	141	115	88
10-19	65	89	80	96	104	63
20-29	140	138	127	136	142	103
30-39	88	108	119	117	137	89
40-49	102	107	113	118	138	76
50-59	82	100	129	118	141	93
60-69	57	78	77	83	96	60
70-79	47	40	57	41	76	55
80+	11	16	27	24	27	13
Total	687	783	852	874	976	640

2) How many persons required inpatient treatment for injuries caused by dog bites or attacks?



Age band	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
0-9	40	55	43	42	29	42
10-19	27	29	30	19	29	30
20-29	42	42	48	40	49	34
30-39	33	41	38	37	58	45
40-49	37	40	52	36	46	49
50-59	37	50	54	44	64	51
60-69	27	32	35	28	27	41
70-79	18	19	32	13	38	29
80+	10	10	9	6	9	6
Total	271	318	341	265	349	327

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

Age band	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
0-9	32	39	28	37	19	31
10-19	24	21	20	13	15	18
20-29	22	27	30	27	27	16
30-39	20	28	23	20	24	23
40-49	29	27	41	23	23	25
50-59	28	37	34	26	29	24
60-69	22	21	23	19	10	23
70-79	11	15	25	9	26	17
80+	8	5	8	<5	<5	<5
Total	196	220	232	177	174	180

Where fewer than 5 has been indicated we are unable to provide you with the exact number of patients as due to the low numbers, there is a potential risk of identifying individuals if this was disclosed. We are therefore withholding this detail under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This information is protected by the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and Data Protection Act 2018 and its disclosure would be contrary to the data protection principles and constitute as unfair and unlawful processing in regard to Articles 5, 6, and 9 of GDPR. This exemption is absolute and therefore there is no requirement to apply the public interest test.

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

The Health Board's information systems do not code the cause of death; such information could only be obtained by reference to the individual's death certificate. Death certificates are not held by the Health Board, but by the Registrar of Deaths (in the local authority), please contact them for this information

