

**Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act Reference 2021.865
Released 11 June 2021**

Thank you for your email dated 11 June 2021 requesting information regarding A&E attendances presenting with mental health complaints.

Please find detailed below a summary of your original request together with our response.

Original request:

1. ***The number of patients who were brought to A&E by the ambulance service/paramedics with a presenting complaint related to mental health, each year, from 2010 to 2020.***

Information relating to A&E attendances has previously been released to you under Freedom of Information requests referenced 2021.836 and 2021.837. Therefore the information you have requested is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 'information accessible to applicant by other means'.

21 Information accessible to applicant by other means.

- (1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.
- (2) For the purposes of subsection (1)—
 - (a) information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and
 - (b) information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.
- (3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.

The information has also been published on our public website under their relevant reference numbers (2021.836 & 2021.837):

<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/download/foi-requests-for-may-2021/>.

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