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Request:

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I recently came across a document published by the GLA (<http://www.london.gov.uk/who-runs-london/the-london-assembly/publications/health/too-much-too-young-alcohol-misuse-among-young-londoners>) about the number of alcohol-related calls for 11-21 year olds that the London Ambulance Service deals with.

Would you be able to provide me with more details of this data? I'm only after data for under 18s and ideally, would like a breakdown of age, gender, year, how many were then sent to A&E for further treatment, and the cost of these call outs.

Regards



Response:

Responded: 15/07/2010

Dear

Thank you for your request for information, placed under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) (FOIA).

Please see attachment.

Please note that the data should not be held to be exclusively reliable, as analysis is dependent on the incident codes documented by the attending ambulance staff. Thus it remains a possibility that incidents which were alcohol related were not immediately obvious, and that the data may not reflect every incident, given that a principal determinate may have been recorded, for example by the type of injury. Thus a stabbing may have been alcohol related but not recorded as such and/or may not have been apparent to the attending ambulance staff. We do however do additional work to verify incidents that are not coded as alcohol- related, but which may in fact be the case. Naturally this is far from full-proof, but goes some way to giving an indication of the position

You may also find the information at the following link of interest - http://www.londonambulance.nhs.uk/news/alcohol-related_calls.aspx

Could I ask you to make a copy of your final report available to me as I have an interest as the Trust's operational safeguarding lead – see the links from http://www.londonambulance.nhs.uk/health_professionals/safeguarding-child_protection.aspx

I do hope this information will be of assistance. In closing, may I also take the opportunity to explain that there is no need to use FOIA as an access mechanism for enquiries of this nature as we routinely manage such requests via our Patient Experiences Department - http://www.londonambulance.nhs.uk/talking_with_us.aspx#servicecomplaints

For directional information about placing enquiries to the Trust, please see http://www.londonambulance.nhs.uk/talking_with_us.aspx

Yours sincerely

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Attachment

10-17 by Sex

Sex

	Not Recorded	F	M	All
10&11	0	12	16	28
12&13	2	102	60	164
14&15	1	460	287	748
16&17	2	718	626	1346
	5	1292	989	2286

10-17 Conveyed

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	FALSE	TRUE	Total
10&11	7	21	28
12&13	35	129	164
14&15	184	564	748
16&17	364	982	1346
	590	1696	2286

By Month

09/10

	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	Jul-09	Aug-09	Sep-09	Oct-09	Nov-09	Dec-09	Jan-10	Feb-10	Mar-10	Total
10&11	1	2	1	4	2	1	4	1	1	2	4	5	28
12&13	15	20	19	20	16	9	10	11	11	10	13	10	164
14&15	79	90	58	67	45	67	78	63	49	54	48	50	748
16&17	124	134	118	122	109	93	126	112	108	97	102	101	1346
	219	246	196	213	172	170	218	187	169	163	167	166	2286