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Question/s to be Answered

I write to you on behalf of the Violence Research Group of Cardiff University. We are conducting an annual national study of attendances to Emergency Departments for assault-related injury and will be grateful if your department could provide us with attendance data for 2021. This data will be used to analyse trends in violence in Scotland from an injury perspective. You can read more about the group and how similar data has been used by following this link:

<http://www.cardiff.ac.uk/violence-research-group>

The data we require are as follows (for period 1st January 2021 and 31st December 2021) in an electronic format that allows us to read the data into a database. Many hospitals in England, Wales and Scotland respond to our survey and provide data in the form we require. Preferably this format is in an excel file or comma separated text file.

Data required (for period between 1st January 2021 and 31st December 2021)

We require the gender of the patient (M or F),

the date that they attended due to assault (dd/mm/yyyy)

and their age. Age can either be numerical to the nearest year (preferred) or in age bands ("0-10", "11-17", "18-30", "31-50", "51+"), we can also accept date of birth.

To calculate the level of assault-related injury in Scotland we also require the total number of attendances for any reason in the year of interest, i.e., 2021.

Please also include the names of hospitals providing assault data.

The Data Protection Act places restrictions on what data can be shared. It is the view of nearly 170 hospitals in England, Wales, and Scotland that the data we are requesting (age, date of attendance and gender) do not constitute personal information and that it is not realistic to expect that information to be used to discover an individual's identity. If you would like to contact someone to talk about these issues you can do so by responding to this email.

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Part 1 – 2021 ED Attendances – Assaults*

** Incident Type equal to 'Assault/Non-Accidental' and/or Presenting Complaint contains the word 'assault' and/or diagnosis description contains the word 'assault'.*

Attendance Date	Age	Age Group	Sex	Visit Type
03/01/2021	39	31-50	F	01 New - Unplanned
25/02/2021	32	31-50	M	01 New - Unplanned
12/03/2021	31	31-50	F	01 New - Unplanned
13/03/2021	31	31-50	F	02 Return - Planned
10/04/2021	48	31-50	F	01 New - Unplanned
10/04/2021	30	18-30	M	01 New - Unplanned
14/04/2021	52	51+	M	01 New - Unplanned
14/04/2021	57	51+	F	01 New - Unplanned
25/04/2021	36	31-50	M	01 New - Unplanned
09/05/2021	18	18-30	M	01 New - Unplanned
20/05/2021	26	18-30	M	01 New - Unplanned
10/06/2021	24	18-30	F	01 New - Unplanned
10/06/2021	40	31-50	M	01 New - Unplanned
09/08/2021	52	51+	F	01 New - Unplanned
14/08/2021	23	18-30	M	01 New - Unplanned
25/08/2021	39	31-50	F	01 New - Unplanned
10/09/2021	27	18-30	M	01 New - Unplanned
13/09/2021	28	18-30	M	01 New - Unplanned
13/09/2021	52	51+	F	01 New - Unplanned
23/11/2021	20	18-30	M	01 New - Unplanned
24/11/2021	24	18-30	M	01 New - Unplanned
19/12/2021	26	18-30	F	01 New - Unplanned

Part 2 – All 2021 ED Attendances

Age Group	Female	Male	Total
00-10	313	400	713
11-17	179	200	379
18-30	547	549	1096
31-50	656	812	1468
51+	1365	1581	2946
Total	3060	3542	6602