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<b>DATE RECEIVED</b>	<b>14/02/2022</b>	<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>Suicide Attempts - A&amp;E</b>		
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Question/s to be Answered

I would be grateful if you could answer the following:

1. How many suicide attempts were recorded by A&Es in your health board area in (a) 2018-19, (b) 2019-20 and (c) 2020-21 (d)2021 to date?

See response to question 2 below

2. In each year, on how many occasions were these patients discharged (a) with no further treatment or referral arranged or (b) for follow-up in the community?

1 & 2:

Year of Attendance	Destination after A&E		Total
	Admitted	Patient left after treatment started	
2018-19	5	0	5
2019-20	1	1	2
2020-21	3	0	3
2021-22	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>11</b>

Based on presenting complaint containing text “attempted suicide” or “suicide attempted”.

3. Please provide a copy of your procedures for what happens when a person attends A&E following a suicide attempt, as described by SAMH on page 13 and 14 of this document:

[https://www.samh.org.uk/documents/suicide\\_are\\_worried\\_about\\_someone.pdf](https://www.samh.org.uk/documents/suicide_are_worried_about_someone.pdf).

If a person attends A&E with suicidal ideation or attempt, they will be nursed in a cubicle for privacy with all equipment removed (except patient trolley), including sharps bins etc. They will be closely monitored at all times. Following triage by nursing staff, the junior medical doctor will assess the patient and also treat any physical injuries or conditions. A psychiatric proforma will be completed and the Community Mental Health Team and the on call Community Psychiatric Nurse (CPN) will be contacted for advice and assessment. If the CPN is unable to attend to assess patient for any reason or the patient requires medical input, the patient would

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be admitted to the medical ward as a place of safety until a psychiatric assessment can be carried out and any medical treatment needed can be provided.