



Ref: FOI-228-202425-Clinical Data and Processes- Sunburn

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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing in response to your email dated 4th July 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Sunburn.

On 8th July 2024 we contacted you via email with the following;

To continue with your request we require clarification the following:

1. What do you mean by “sunburn cases” are you referring to people who have attended our ED department due to Sunburn?
2. What do you mean by “showing the geographic areas where cases are reported. I.E each hospital under your NHS Trust”.

On the same day you replied via email with:
‘This would be for ED attendances due to sunburn.

As for geographical areas, this would be each hospital under your trust.’

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 Please provide data on sunburn cases for the years 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024. Specifically, I request the following details:

The number of cases from each year and 2024 so far, as specified above also showing the geographic areas where cases are reported. I.E each hospital under your NHS Trust.

A1 As per the clarification from yourself:

“This would be for ED attendances due to sunburn. As for geographical areas, this would be each hospital under your trust. “

Below is the number of patients for the period 01/01/2021 – 30/06/2024 who have a diagnosis of either Solar erythema or Solar degeneration as their ED diagnosis.

Year/Month	ED Departments		Grand Total
	Royal Stoke ED Dept	County ED Dept	
2021	11	6	17
2022	12	13	25
2023	9	8	17
2024	4	1	5
Grand Total	36	28	64

Q2 A section showing the percentage rise and falls of cases from 2021-2023 and 2024 so far. In a clear breakdown of each year, showing the geographical areas where cases are reported such as a breakdown for each hospital under your NHS Trust

A2 Refer to answer 1, which clearly shows any rise or fall.

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Yours,

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