

Reference:	FOI.11408.23
Subject:	Injuries caused by dogs
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Requested:

1. How many patients presented at an emergency department / minor injuries unit with an injury caused by a dog between January 1st 2023 (inclusive) and March 31st 2023 (inclusive)?
 - a. Of those recorded, how many were aged 0-16?
 - b. Of those recorded, how many were aged 17-64?
 - c. Of those recorded, how many were aged 65?
2. How many patients presented at an emergency department / minor injuries unit with an injury caused by a dog between January 1st 2022 (inclusive) and December 31st 2022 (inclusive)?
 - a. Of those recorded, how many were aged 0-16?
 - b. Of those recorded, how many were aged 17-64?
 - c. Of those recorded, how many were aged 65?
3. How many patients presented at an emergency department / minor injuries unit with an injury caused by a dog between January 1st 2021 (inclusive) and December 31st 2021 (inclusive)?
 - a. Of those recorded, how many were aged 0-16?
 - b. Of those recorded, how many were aged 17-64?
 - c. Of those recorded, how many were aged 65?
4. How many patients presented at an emergency department / minor injuries unit with an injury caused by a dog between January 1st 2020 (inclusive) and December 31st 2020 (inclusive)?
 - a. Of those recorded, how many were aged 0-16?
 - b. Of those recorded, how many were aged 17-64?
 - c. Of those recorded, how many were aged 65?
5. How many patients presented at an emergency department / minor injuries unit with an injury caused by a dog between January 1st 2019 (inclusive) and December 31st 2019 (inclusive)?
 - a. Of those recorded, how many were aged 0-16?
 - b. Of those recorded, how many were aged 17-64?
 - c. Of those recorded, how many were aged 65?
6. How many patients presented at an emergency department / minor injuries unit with an injury caused by a dog between January 1st 2018 (inclusive) and December 31st 2018 (inclusive)?
 - a. Of those recorded, how many were aged 0-16?
 - b. Of those recorded, how many were aged 17-64?
 - c. Of those recorded, how many were aged 65?
7. How many patients presented at an emergency department / minor injuries unit with an injury caused by a dog between January 1st 2017 (inclusive) and December 31st 2017 (inclusive)?

- a. Of those recorded, how many were aged 0-16?
- b. Of those recorded, how many were aged 17-64?
- c. Of those recorded, how many were aged 65?

Response:

1. - 7. Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) provides within the table overleaf, the number of patients that presented at an Accident and Emergency (A&E) Department/Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) with an injury caused by a dog, by age range, as recorded on the UHB's Welsh Patient Administration System (WPAS), for the 2017 to 2022 calendar years and the period 1 January to 31 March 2023.

Age range	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023 to 31/3/23
0 -16	128	161	164	152	176	178	35
17 - 64	512	583	620	567	688	735	139
65 and over	152	180	204	157	230	201	38

Please note:- the data provided is based on instances recorded in WPAS with free-text relating to dog bites on an attendance record, or the occurrence of local emergency departments' systems using the coding of 'dog bite'.