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Dear ,

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act.

You asked:

I would like to request details of the number of cases of spider bites in 2013 and 2014.

More specifically, I would like to know:

1. How many patients were admitted to your trust and/or diagnosed with a spider bite in the calendar years 2013 and 2014 so far?

2. For each case, could you please provide a brief description of the treatment carried out on patients diagnosed with spider bites, along with the date?

3. Could you also provide the age and gender of each patient.

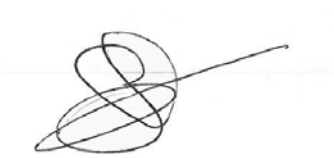
Please see below. One patient came under the category of "Incision & drainage or dressing minor wound", the remainder received advice and guidance.

| Sex | | Band Range |
|-----|---|------------|
| F | M | |
| 2 | 3 | 0-25 |
| 2 | 5 | 26-39 |
| 3 | 5 | 40-49 |
| 4 | 3 | 50-59 |
| 5 | 2 | 60+ |

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I hope you find this information useful, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 256335. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Silas Nicholls
Deputy chief Executive and Director of Strategy

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