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28<sup>th</sup> September 2016

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:

*Under the Freedom of Information Act, please could you provide me with an extract from the hospital episode data for every admission where the external cause was an animal for 2015 and 2016 to date, including:*

*The date of the admission.  
The age of the person injured.  
The specie of the animal that caused the injury.  
The variety/breed of the animal that caused the injury.  
A description of the injury.  
If the injury was fatal. (Yes or No)*

*Including but not limited to incident that were logged under the following codes:*

<i>W53 - Bitten by rat</i>
<i>W54 - Bitten or struck by dog</i>
<i>W55 - Bitten or struck by other mammals</i>
<i>W56 - Contact with marine animal</i>
<i>W57 - Bitten or stung by nonvenomous insect and other nonvenomous arthropods</i>
<i>W58 - Bitten or struck by crocodile or alligator</i>
<i>W59 - Bitten or crushed by other reptiles</i>
<i>X20 - Contact with venomous snakes and lizards</i>
<i>X21 - Contact with venomous spiders</i>

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X23 - Contact with hornets
X25 - Contact with other specified venomous arthropods
X26 - Contact with venomous marine animals and plants
X27 - Contact with other specified venomous animals
X28 - Contact with other specified venomous plants
X29 - Contact with unspecified venomous animal or plant

Please see the attached and note that we do not report to the granularity of breed of animal.

There were no fatalities

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. 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,



**Andrew Foster**  
**Chief Executive**

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If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure at: The Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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