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Email: foi@homerton.nhs.uk

Dear Sir or Madam,

Ref: FOI 2678

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request regarding the number of children admitted to A&E because of self-harming at Homerton hospital.

The Trust can provide the following information:

- 1. How many children aged under 18 were admitted to each of your accident & emergency departments in the below years due to self-harming?**
 - **2015-16**
 - **2014-15**
 - **2013-14**
- 2. Can you provide an age breakdown of admittances for each of these years?**

For the above two question please see the below table;

A&E			
*Age Range	2013/2014	2014/2015	2015/2016
0-8	0	0	0
9-13	7	6	7
14-17	13	14	30
Total	20	20	37

**The Trust is unable to break the data down by individual age as to disclose this information would potentially breach one of the data protection principles contained in the Data Protection Act 1998, in that it would render it possible to identify the patients involved. We do not believe that it would be fair to these individuals for their identities to be made public. We therefore believe that the exemption contained within section 40 of the Act is engaged.*

- 3. Can you provide an injury breakdown for each of these years?**

With regards to the above question, the requested data is not recorded in a central place or in a reportable format and would require manually trawling through each record in the system to generate this information. We have assessed and calculated this exercise will exceed more than 18 hours to complete and as a result it will cost more than the appropriate limit to respond to this question.

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Yours sincerely

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