

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST
RF23-218**

Request:

Figures and details of cases of patients presenting at your A&E departments with symptoms of taking nitrous oxide gas year by year from 2018-2023.

Please state the year, the symptoms shown and the outcome of the A&E visit.

Response:

We can confirm East Kent Hospitals University NHS Foundation Trust (EKHUFT) holds the information you have requested.

In the period 2018 - April 2023, seven records related to nitrous oxide gas were identified (looking at diagnosis, presenting complaint, injury mechanism, and injury drug and alcohol fields).

Year	Total	Admitted	Home
2018	1	1	0
2021	3	0	3
2022	3	0	3
2023	0	0	0

Symptoms recorded include:

- hallucinations/delusions
- chest pain
- shortness of breath
- anxiety attack
- fitting
- nose bleed

(DATE OF RESPONSE: 16 MAY 2023)

