

## **FOI 0300/2025 Response**

### **Request**

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am a journalist at ITV National News. I am contacting you with a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. My request relates to the number of A&E admissions at your NHS Trust, where **ketamine** has been recorded.

ITV News would like to request the following information:

1. In the last 5 years, how many A&E admissions have there been where 'ketamine' has been recorded (either in patient notes or free text field 'reason for visit'). Please provide the information for the following years:

A) 2025

B) 2024

C) 2023

D) 2022

C) 2021

2. Please also provide age breakdown of these figures, including under 16s, for example: 0-5, 5-10, 11-16, 17-22, 23-30 etc

I'm aware that because ketamine is classified as a dissociative anaesthetic, it therefore falls under the general code 'poisoning by anaesthesia' and 'ketamine' is not always specifically recorded. However, in reference to the Section 16 obligations of the Act, please provide advice and assistance as to how such information can be obtained.

### **Response**

Please note that Birmingham and Solihull Mental Health Foundation Trust explicitly provide mental health services and do not provide physical healthcare like an Acute Trust.

Your request for information is therefore not applicable to the Trust.