

## **FOI 0329/2025 Response**

### **Request**

Please find below details of the FOI request. Information required:

Please provide the number of patients absconding from secure mental health wards for the years:

- 2020

- 2021

- 2022

- 2023

- 2024

- 2025

This should include incidents in which patients vanish from units or fail to return from authorised periods of leave.

### **Response**

Please see the table below and note:

- The table lists the number of incidents involving an [absconson from an inpatient site] or a [failure to return from section 17 leave] from our secure care inpatient services.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Incidents</b>
<b>2020</b>	44
<b>2021</b>	15
<b>2022</b>	19
<b>2023</b>	27
<b>2024</b>	26
<b>2025 (as at 30/09/2025)</b>	12