

## Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 03 April 2023.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

**I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) to ask that you please disclose details of the 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.**

Listed below are all patients who attended the Emergency Department (ED) between 21st May 2018 and 31st March 2023 who were given the diagnosis code '371043007', used for 'Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour'.

Included are columns showing year and Chief Complaint and Diagnosis.

Year	Chief Complaint	Diagnosis
2018	Short of breath	Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2018	Short of breath	Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2019	Poisoning from any source	Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
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2019	Poisoning from any source	Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2019	Foreign body in respiratory tract	Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2019	Drug / alcohol intoxication or withdrawal	Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2019	Noxious inhalation - gas / fumes / vapour / smoke	Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2019	Chest pain	Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2019	Short of breath	Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2019		Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2019	Confusion	Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2019	Noxious inhalation - gas / fumes / vapour / smoke	Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2019		Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2019		Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2019	Foreign body in respiratory tract	Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour

2019		Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2020	Short of breath	Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2020		Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2020		Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2020	Chemical exposure	Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2020	Throat: sore	Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2020	Chemical exposure	Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2021		Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2021	Noxious inhalation - gas / fumes / vapour / smoke	Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2021		Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2021	Short of breath	Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2021		Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2021	Noxious inhalation - gas / fumes / vapour / smoke	Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
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2022	Noxious inhalation - gas / fumes / vapour / smoke	Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2022	Short of breath	Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2022	Drowsy (altered level of consciousness)	Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2022	Noxious inhalation - gas / fumes / vapour / smoke	Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2023		Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour
2023	Poisoning from any source	Inhalation of toxic gas / vapour

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely,  
Freedom of Information Co-ordinator  
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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