

FOI Request Response information

FOI request reference:	2016/056
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Date request responded to:	08/03/2016
Category:	Incidents
Tags:	Spice, legal highs, admissions,

Request Detail:

Info re incidents involving Spice or other legal highs

Over the past five years please provide the following information (in calendar years)

The number of incidents involving Spice or other legal highs

The number of people admitted to hospital as a result of incidents involving Spice or other legal highs

The number of people admitted overnight involving Spice or other legal highs

The number of people who have died or have deemed to have been critically ill after taking Spice or other legal highs

The number of people under the age of 16 treated after taking Spice or other legal highs

Response Detail:

The Trust response to your recent FOI request is as follows:

Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust is a provider of mental health and community health services, along with providing specialist offender health services into 7 prisons within the North West. The data below is therefore taken from these services. No reported incidents occurred in our community health services, therefore all relate to our mental health services and within our offender health services. It is often difficult to determine whether an illicit substance has been taken and therefore the reporting below is unlikely to be totally complete, but is a reflection of when staff reported on our incident system that they have a suspicion that a patient may have taken spice or another legal high.

1 The number of incidents involving Spice or other legal highs

2015 – 47

2014 – 11

2013 – 4

2012 – 1

2011 – 1

2 The number of people admitted to hospital as a result of incidents involving Spice or other legal highs

2015 – 3 (2 mental health inpatients transferred to an acute hospital, 1 incident as described below at question 5)

2014 – 0

2013 – 0

2012 – 0

2011 – 0

3 The number of people admitted overnight involving Spice or other legal highs

This question would not be applicable to this Trust. Patients would not be admitted to mental health or community health services as a result of taking spice or other legal highs.

4 The number of people who have died or have deemed to have been critically ill after taking Spice or other legal highs

2015 – 0

2014 – 0

2013 – 0

2012 – 0

2011 – 0

5 The number of people under the age of 16 treated after taking Spice or other legal highs

This question may not be applicable to this Trust as we provide mental health or community health services. We have however searched the incident records for our Children and Families Network which provides Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) (inpatient and community) and there are no reported incidents of a patient under the age of 16 being treated by the Trust after taking Spice or other legal highs. There is one reported incident of a young person being admitted to an acute hospital in 2015 after being found by their mother at home with the suspicion of taking a legal high. Our services became involved after the admission to the acute hospital.