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Subject: Children's allergy admissions

REQUEST

1. How many admissions to A&E have you had for a suspected food allergy in under 18s have you had in the following years:

- 2020
- 2021
- 2022
- 2023
- 2024 to date

2. How many referrals for a suspected food allergy in under 18s have you had in the following years:

- 2019
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3. What is the current waiting time between referral and to be seen by a pediatric allergy specialist?

RESPONSE

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Southport and Ormskirk response

Unfortunately we are unable to draw down the data to only include food allergies. There is a Primary Diagnosis Description of 'Other allergic reaction' which is used between 2020 and 2022, then there is a different code of 'Allergic Disposition' which is used from 2023 onwards.

Row Labels	Sum of Act
2020	106
2021	151
2022	109
2023	106
2024	93
Grand Total	565

2024 is up to 31.07.24.

St.helens and Knowsley response

Financial Year	Number Paed Pts presentation includes Allergic Reaction
2020/2021	95
2021/2022	70
2022/2023	151
2023/2024	175
2024-date	62

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Southport and Ormskirk response

We have a designated food allergy paediatric clinic and the referrals received for this are shown below:

Cal Year	Total
2019	193
2020	146
2021	101
2022	145
2023	109
2024	71

St.helens and Knowsley response

We take referrals for under 16 years old. They will come in via the usual channels (GP, consultant) and will be triaged by a consultant. We also take direct referrals from A&E and the ward if a child attends with an allergic reaction. They will be either be allocated to general paediatric clinics or the allergy clinic which is Dr Elbadri. There is an allergy clinic every week, alternate Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon which is attended by a nurse.

The nurses will take referrals from all the consultants and provide allergy management, training, SPT, food challenge etc.

All consultants have allergy patients. The more severe or with multiple allergies will be referred to Dr Elbadri and the allergy service.

3. What is the current waiting time between referral and to be seen by a pediatric allergy specialist?

Southport and Ormskirk response

The longest wait without a date for this clinic is 35 weeks.

St.helens and Knowsley response

Current wait times between referral and to be seen by a paediatrician are c.18 weeks.