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Subject: Winter ear health

REQUEST

I would be very grateful if you could answer the following questions in relation to the impacts of different seasons on ear health:

1. How many patients visited A&E for ear-related conditions for e.g., ear infections, burst eardrums, hearing loss during each month of the past five years (2020-2024)?
2. How many patients were admitted into hospital for ear-related conditions for e.g., ear infections, burst eardrums, hearing loss during each month of the past five years (2020-2024)?
3. How many patients have been treated for recurrent ear-related conditions, initially diagnosed during winter (mid December - mid March), over the past five years (2020-2024)?
4. Have there been increases in the prescription of antibiotics or other treatments for ear-related conditions during winter (mid December - mid March), over the past five years (2020-2024)?

RESPONSE

S&O RESPONSE

Q1 Attendances by month for an ear related condition

Count of PK_AE	Column Labels						Grand Total
Row Labels	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024		
Jan	59	31	37	82	97	306	
Feb	70	25	42	75	114	326	
Mar	73	36	64	72	128	373	
Apr	18	36	66	77	72	269	
May	26	75	60	75	77	313	
Jun	39	74	75	69	77	334	
Jul	41	99	74	69	64	347	
Aug	47	79	69	63	49	307	
Sep	40	82	60	73	72	327	
Oct	30	106	97	87	72	392	
Nov	34	87	83	98	87	389	
Dec	32	69	101	124	79	405	
Grand Total	509	799	828	964	988	4088	

Q2 Admissions by month for an ear related condition

Disposal_Name Admitted to a Hospital Bed / became a Lodged Patient of the same Health Care Provider

Count of PK_AE	Column Labels												Grand Total
Row Labels	Ja n	Fe b	Ma r	Ap r	Ma y	Ju n	Ju l	Au g	Se p	Oc t	No v	De c	Grand Total
2020	<5		<5	<5	<5	<5	<5		<5	<5	<5	<5	19
2021		<5	<5	<5	<5	<5		<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	23
2022			<5	<5	<5	<5					<5	<5	12
2023	<5	<5	<5	<5			<5	<5	<5	<5		<5	13
2024		<5	<5	<5	<5			<5	<5	<5	<5		11
Grand Total	<5	5	10	7	8	6	6	5	9	6	6	8	78

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STHK Response attached.