

Ref. No: 1881  
Date: 4<sup>th</sup> July 2025  
Subject: Food Poisoning Admissions

## REQUEST

1. How many hospital admissions in the past five years had the recorded reason for attendance of 'food poisoning'? Please provide figures for the financial years 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25.  
Note: If it is not possible to provide a response for 'food poisoning' specifically, please include all admission codes under which a food poisoning-related admission could be logged.
2. How many reported admissions in total involved the following?:  
2a. Salmonella  
2b. E.Coli  
2c. Campylobacter  
For 2a, 2b and 2c, please also provide a breakdown by financial year (same years as in Q1)
3. If possible, please provide a breakdown of the foodstuffs stated as the cause of the illness.

## STHK RESPONSE

1. How many hospital admissions in the past five years had the recorded reason for attendance of 'food poisoning'? Please provide figures for the financial years 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25.

		2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Total admissions	STHK	7	10	12	10	9
	S&O	5	3	8	3	6
	MWL	12	13	20	13	15

The figures above include Salmonella, e-coli, listeria and other (No specific code for food poisoning related to campylobacter so would be coded as A05 – which is Other bacterial foodborne intoxications, not elsewhere classified)

**2. How many reported admissions in total involved the following?:**

**2a. Salmonella**

**2b. E.Coli**

**2c. Campylobacter**

**For 2a, 2b and 2c, please also provide a breakdown by financial year (same years as in Q1)**

	STHK				
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Salmonella	4	4	6	6	5
E-Coli	2	0	1	1	1
Other	1	6	4	3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>9</b>

	S&O				
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Salmonella	3	1	5	2	1
E-Coli	2		2		3
Other		2		1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>

	MWL				
	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25
Salmonella	7	5	11	8	6
E-Coli	4	0	3	1	4
Other	1	8	4	4	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>15</b>

Listeria was not listed for question 2 so question 2 would not add up to the totals in question 1.

**3. If possible, please provide a breakdown of the foodstuffs stated as the cause of the illness.**

The Trust would need to undertake a manual review of records to provide an answer to your request, which the Trust estimates would take over 18 hours.

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