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Subject: Unexplained loss of consciousness, fainting, syncope services

REQUEST

We are seeking information about how syncope and unexplained loss of consciousness are managed within your Trust.

1. How many patients were presented to your department over the last three financial years, coded under Syncope, Blackout, Faint, Loss of Consciousness or Transient Loss of Consciousness (TLOC)?
2. Of the above patients, how many were admitted to the hospital ward for further assessment?
3. How many were discharged on the same day following a period of observation?
4. Do you have a local syncope management/referral pathway being actively utilised by clinicians?
5. Do you have a syncope unit attached to ED or somewhere within your hospital?
6. If yes, which business unit/department is your syncope unit located in? E.g. cardiology, neurology

RESPONSE

1. The number of A&E attendances with a diagnosis of Orthostatic Hypotension or Vasovagal Syncope

Financial Year	Number of A&E attendances S&O	Number of A&E attendances STHK	Number of A&E attendances MWL
2022/23	786	1393	2179
2023/24	834	1505	2339
2024/25	1028	1401	2429
Grand	2648	4299	6947

Total			
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2. The number of admissions via A&E with a diagnosis of syncope or collapse.

Financial Year	Admissions via A&E S&O	Admissions via A&E STHK	Admissions via A&E MWL
2022/23	219	683	902
2023/24	250	812	1062
2024/25	291	788	1079
Grand Total	760	2283	3043

3. The number of admissions via A&E with a diagnosis of syncope or collapse that were admitted and discharged on the same day. The information team are unable to advise that their stay was 'just for observation'. Please note that if a patient was admitted late in the day and discharged the next day this will not count in the numbers below, as they were not discharged the same day but may have still only been admitted for a few hours (just spanned over midnight).

Financial Year	Admissions with same day discharge S&O	Admissions with same day discharge STHK	Admissions with same day discharge MWL
2022/23	97	429	526
2023/24	129	500	629
2024/25	180	433	613
Grand Total	406	1362	1768

4. Do you have a local syncope management/referral pathway being actively utilised by clinicians? – Yes
5. Do you have a syncope unit attached to ED or somewhere within your hospital? Yes, not in ED based in Cardiology Outpatients Department

6. If yes, which business unit/department is your syncope unit located in? E.g. cardiology, neurology – Cardiology Department