

**REPLY BY THE PRESIDENT OF
THE COMMITTEE FOR HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE
TO QUESTIONS POSED BY DEPUTY GAVIN ST. PIER PURSUANT TO RULE 14 OF THE
RULES OF PROCEDURE**

Question

Could the Committee please tabulate for each calendar year 2020-25:

1. The number of medical cannabis prescriptions
2. The number of opioid prescriptions
3. The number of other mental health-related prescriptions
4. The number of ED admissions relating to alcohol
5. The number of ED admissions for psychosis, including:
 - The number of these admissions induced by medicinal cannabis
 - The number of these admissions induced by illicit cannabis
 - The number of these admissions induced by synthetic cannabinoids (e.g. 'Spice')
 - The number of these admissions which involved the presence of other drugs and/or alcohol in the system
6. The number of ED admissions for the alleged Cannabis Hyperemesis Syndrome to date, including:
 - The number of these admissions induced by medicinal cannabis
 - The number of these admissions induced by illicit cannabis
 - The number of these admissions induced by synthetic cannabinoids (e.g. 'Spice')
 - The number of these admissions which involved the presence of other drugs in the system
7. The number of admissions to CDAT/The Oberlands Center from psychosis to date, including:
 - The number of these admissions induced by medicinal cannabis
 - The number of these admissions induced by illicit cannabis
 - The number of these admissions induced by synthetic cannabinoids (e.g. 'Spice')
 - The number of these admissions which involved the presence of other drugs in the system
8. The number of admissions to CDAT/The Oberlands Center from alcohol induced mental health issues.

Answer

1. Clarification and data regarding the number of off-island and on-island cannabis prescriptions is publicly available in a Freedom of Information Request regarding [Cannabis prescriptions](#). See response to Question 1.
2. Data on the number of opioid prescriptions is publicly available in a Freedom of Information Request regarding [Medications & Admissions](#). See response to Question 2.
3. For data on other mental health-related prescriptions see the Freedom of Information Request regarding [Medications & Admissions](#). See response to Question 3.
4. Table 1 below provides alcohol related attendances to the Emergency Department (ED) for the calendar years 2020-5.

Table 1: Number of Alcohol Related Attendances to the Emergency Department

Year	Number of Alcohol Related Attendances to the Emergency Department
2020	549
2021	618
2022	514
2023	515
2024	632
2025	622
Grand Total	3,450

5. In relation to data on the number of ED admissions for psychosis see response to Questions 4 & 5 in Freedom of Information Request regarding [Medications & Admissions](#).

Table 2 below shows the number of drug related attendances to the Emergency Department attendance. There is no way of knowing what the specific drug was.

Table 2: Number of Drug Related Attendances to the Emergency Department

Number of Drug Related Attendances to the ED	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	Total
Poisoning - controlled drugs	38	24	18	19	26	17	142
Poisoning - controlled drugs and Poisoning - prescriptive drugs	1			5	1	4	11
Poisoning - prescriptive drugs	151	126	83	84	53	48	545
Poisoning - prescriptive drugs and Poisoning - proprietary drugs	3	2	3	10	3	4	25
Poisoning - proprietary drugs	89	82	74	106	76	81	508
Poisoning - proprietary drugs and Poisoning - controlled drugs				6	5	1	12
Grand Total	282	234	178	230	164	155	1,243

Table 3 below shows when the above total drug related attendances to the Emergency Department over the five-year period 2020-2025 where the attendance was also an alcohol related attendance or where alcohol was not involved.

Number of ED Drug Related Attendances	
Alcohol related attendance	427
Drug related attendance	427
Poisoning - controlled drugs	40
Poisoning - controlled drugs and Poisoning - prescriptive drugs	2
Poisoning - prescriptive drugs	183
Poisoning - prescriptive drugs and Poisoning - proprietary drugs	11
Poisoning - proprietary drugs	185
Poisoning - proprietary drugs and Poisoning - controlled drugs	6
Non alcohol related attendance	816
Drug related attendance	816
Poisoning - controlled drugs	102
Poisoning - controlled drugs and Poisoning - prescriptive drugs	9
Poisoning - prescriptive drugs	362
Poisoning - prescriptive drugs and Poisoning - proprietary drugs	14
Poisoning - proprietary drugs	323
Poisoning - proprietary drugs and Poisoning - controlled drugs	6
Grand Total	1243

6. For data on the number of ED admissions for the alleged Cannabis Hyperemesis Syndrome see response to Question 5 in this response.
7. For data on the number of admissions to CDAT/The Oberlands Center from psychosis to date see response to Questions 6 & 7 in Freedom of Information Request regarding [Medications & Admissions](#).
8. For data on the number of admissions to CDAT/The Oberlands Center from alcohol induced mental health issues see the response to Questions 6 & 7 in Freedom of Information Request regarding [Medications & Admissions](#).