

Royal Blackburn Hospital Emergency Department and Urgent Care Centre and Burnley General Hospital Urgent Care Centre

Monthly Bulletin: January to December 2012

This bulletin provides a breakdown of all injury attendances to the Royal Blackburn Hospital Emergency Department (ED) and Urgent Care Centre (UCC), and Burnley General Hospital UCC between January and December 2012.

Between January and December 2012 there were 69,162 ED and UCC attendances. The month with the highest attendance was May with 6,508 attendances (**Figure 1**). There were more male than female attendances presenting at the ED and UCCs (males=37,255; 54%).

Figure 2 shows the age group of ED and UCC attendances for each month. Over a third (34%) of ED and UCC attendances were aged 30-59 (n=23,470) and 29% were 15-29 years old (n=20,344).

Table 1 illustrates the source of referral of ED and UCC attendances. Self-referral (30%) and brought in by others (30%) were the main referral sources. These were followed by, brought in by parent (22%) and brought in by ambulance (14%).

Table 2 details the injury group of ED and UCC attendances. The majority (87%) of injury attendances were recorded as other injury. Sports injury accounted for 5% of attendances, road traffic collisions (RTC) 4% and assaults 3%.

The discharge destination of all injury attendances to the ED and UCCs is displayed in **Table 3**. Four in ten (40%) attendances were discharged and required no follow-up treatment, while 13% were discharged to their GP.

Assault attendances

Between January and December 2012 there were 2,120 assault attendances to the ED and UCCs. The month with the highest attendance was December with 222 attendances (**Figure 3**). There were more male than female assault attendances presenting at the ED and UCCs (males=1,594; 75%).

Table 4 details the age group of assault attendances for each month. The majority of ED and UCC assault attendances were aged 15-29 (n=1,184; 56%) and 37% were 30-59 years old (n=791).

Table 5 illustrates the source of referral for assault attendances to the ED and UCCs. The primary source of referral for assault attendances was by ambulance (36%). Almost a quarter (23%) were brought in by others and over a fifth (22%) were self-referred.

Table 6 depicts the general discharge destination of assault attendances to the ED and UCCs. The majority of the attendances were discharged (47%), 29% required follow-up treatment and 12% were admitted.

Figure 1: Gender of ED and UCC injury attendances by month, January to December 2012

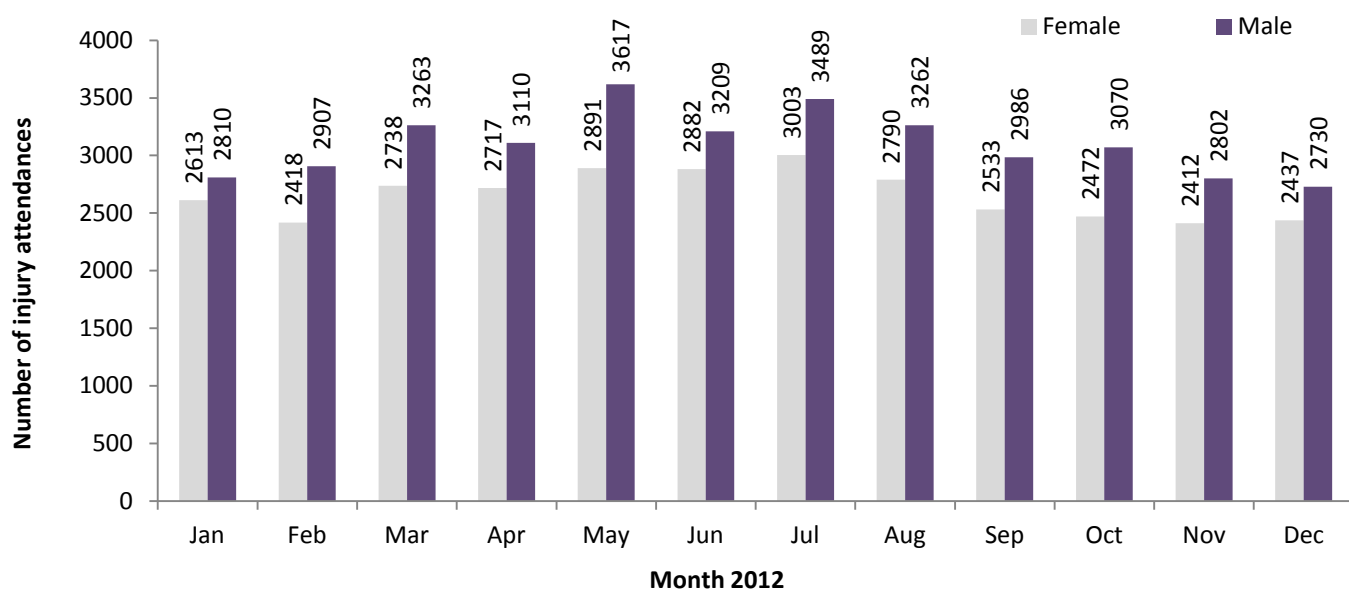


Figure 2: ED and UCC injury attendances by age group and month, January to December 2012

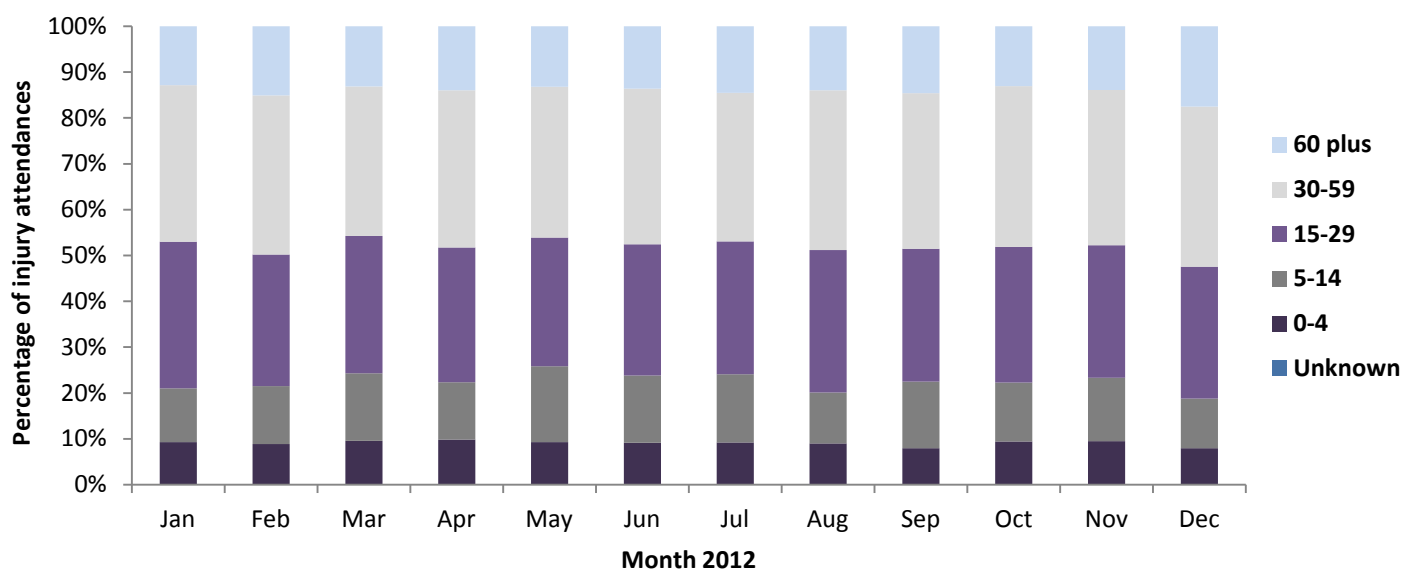


Table 1: ED and UCC injury attendances by source of referral and month, January to December 2012^{1,2}

Source of referral	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	%
Self-referral	1900	1675	2026	1896	2012	1910	1824	1767	1574	1548	1398	1335	20865	30
Brought in by others	1499	1542	1503	1572	1691	1799	2041	2024	1755	1806	1646	1752	20630	30
Brought in by parent	1169	1162	1481	1285	1679	1412	1508	1164	1176	1158	1177	921	15292	22
Ambulance	710	761	790	840	857	780	918	894	813	817	794	942	9916	14
Other	42	59	56	107	99	66	29	69	43	62	56	77	765	1
Police	36	56	46	47	59	41	62	60	55	54	47	58	621	1
GP request	29	28	39	29	48	30	37	28	50	34	31	23	406	1
Sent by others	22	26	31	30	40	32	34	14	28	32	37	34	360	1
ED staff	8	6	16	7	10	10	15	17	16	21	16	15	157	0
Direct referral	7	9	9	11	10	10	19	12	9	9	11	10	126	0
Staff health	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	16	0
Emergency call	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	<6	0
Consultant	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	0
Total	5423	5325	6001	5827	6508	6091	6492	6052	5519	5542	5215	5167	69162	100

¹ Please note that all numbers less than five have been suppressed (with ***) in line with patient confidentiality and if there is only one number less than five in a category then two numbers will be suppressed to prevent back calculations from totals.

² GP=general practitioner.

Table 2: ED and UCC injury attendances by injury group and month, January to December 2012³

Injury group	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	%
Other injury	4785	4668	5183	5060	5674	5361	5788	5336	4750	4779	4510	4476	60370	87
Sports injury	212	279	391	328	388	289	224	245	292	255	245	145	3293	5
RTC	233	239	239	275	230	241	269	248	260	304	259	296	3093	4
Assault	177	123	169	140	192	169	188	192	190	181	177	222	2120	3
Deliberate self-harm	16	16	19	24	24	31	23	31	27	23	24	28	286	0
Total	5423	5325	6001	5827	6508	6091	6492	6052	5519	5542	5215	5167	69162	100

Table 3: ED and UCC injury attendances by discharge destination and month, January to December 2012^{4,5}

Discharge destination	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	%
Discharged no follow-up	2082	2076	2291	2276	2486	2140	2553	2411	2272	2384	2383	2230	27584	40
BGH discharge to GP within unit BGH	783	801	911	977	972	1046	1042	1022	465	428	412	536	9395	14
Discharged to GP	810	676	764	661	886	939	810	769	789	855	647	604	9210	13
Clinic-fracture/orthopaedic	452	495	578	473	611	538	574	450	514	455	472	438	6050	9
RBH discharge to GP within unit RBH	407	317	323	400	313	288	321	295	334	318	278	342	3936	6
Left before treatment	246	301	314	273	407	319	317	323	337	310	274	287	3708	5
Admitted to ward	247	241	293	271	293	293	319	296	281	252	221	242	3249	5
Left refusing treatment	64	98	130	118	150	167	143	141	117	86	71	85	1370	2
GP treatment room	110	110	128	124	102	132	129	82	110	121	103	94	1345	2
Clinic other	72	68	97	82	95	77	88	94	87	91	99	107	1057	2
Unknown	53	51	57	62	70	61	75	70	125	147	157	119	1047	2
Clinic-ear/nose/throat	41	34	41	40	24	36	47	26	32	39	36	26	422	1
Other hospital	16	18	18	24	35	17	35	26	14	18	21	21	263	0
Clinic-ophthalmology	18	14	27	24	24	17	16	21	18	14	18	10	221	0
Clinic-oral/dental surgery	8	9	11	11	16	11	9	11	10	***	<7	9	115	0
Other	7	***	9	***	11	***	6	7	5	13	6	6	80	0
Community/district nurse	***	6	6	***	7	***	***	***	***	***	5	***	46	0
Died in department	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	5	***	***	***	***	30	0
Admitted to theatre	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	5	27	0
Dead on arrival	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	7	0
Total	5423	5325	6001	5827	6508	6091	6492	6052	5519	5542	5215	5167	69162	100

³ Please note percentages might not add to one hundred due to rounding.

⁴ RBH=Royal Blackburn Hospital and BGH=Burnley General Hospital.

⁵ Clinic other includes: trauma clinic, dressing clinic, GUM clinic, medicine and diabetic clinic and dermatology/plastic surgery clinic. Other includes: residential home, police custody, other and referred to own dentist. Other hospital includes: other hospital and emergency hospital transfer.

Assaults

Table 4: ED and UCC assault attendances by age group and month, January to December 2012*

Age group	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	%
0-4	***	0	***	0	0	***	0	***	0	***	***	0	***	0
5-14	7	***	9	***	11	7	8	***	8	13	17	6	97	5
15-29	104	70	99	81	102	99	100	98	106	93	95	137	1184	56
30-59	62	48	59	55	73	59	71	86	70	71	63	74	791	37
60 plus	***	***	***	***	6	***	7	5	6	***	***	5	<47	2
Total	177	123	169	140	192	169	188	192	190	181	177	222	2120	100

*There was one attendance where age group was unknown; this has been included in the total figure.

Figure 3: Number of ED and UCC assault attendances by gender and month, January to December 2012

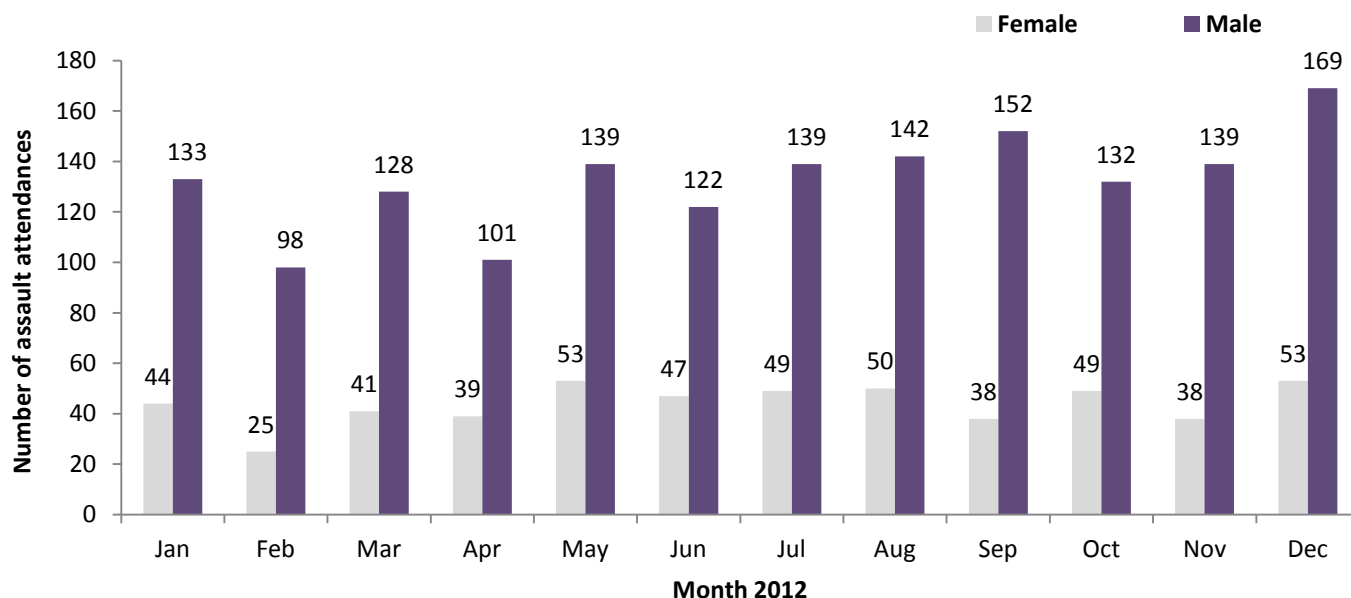


Table 5: ED and UCC assault attendances by source of referral and month, January to December 2012

Source of referral	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	%
Ambulance	65	42	70	60	76	52	67	60	69	54	58	82	755	36
Brought in by others	45	23	35	28	35	48	38	51	45	47	51	45	491	23
Self-referral	42	34	33	31	47	42	41	47	41	38	25	48	469	22
Brought in by parent	10	9	19	7	17	14	14	12	14	22	25	18	181	9
Police	11	12	7	11	12	8	18	15	18	15	13	15	155	7
Other	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	5	***	***	***	7	34	2
ED staff	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	14	1
Sent by others	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	5	11	1
Direct referral	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	0
GP request	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	0
Staff health	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	***	0
Total	177	123	169	140	192	169	188	192	190	181	177	222	2120	100

Table 6: ED and UCC assault attendances by discharge destination and month, January to December 2012

Disposal	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Total	%
Discharged	75	46	76	67	82	75	89	107	86	91	92	115	1001	47
Follow-up	48	46	54	46	57	54	60	43	59	44	47	66	624	29
Admitted	32	14	17	16	27	21	23	23	23	29	18	18	261	12
Other	22	17	22	11	26	19	16	19	22	17	20	23	234	11
Total	177	123	169	140	192	169	188	192	190	181	177	222	2120	100

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