

HSC Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Health and Social Care Trust



## FOI 05673-23 **Hypothermia Patients and Total Arrivals** December 2021 and December 2022

Please note, the following criteria were used to determine whether a patient would be treated for hypothermia: All calls with a Chief Complaint of "HEAT / COLD EXPOSURE" where the subcode specifies Cold exposure;

All calls with a Chief Complaint of "FALLS" where the subcode specifies "Environmental problems (rain, heat, cold)" and "What's the Problem"/PRFs indicates that the problem is Cold;

All calls where "What's the Problem" contains Hypothermia (or variations on spelling);

## All calls where "What's the Problem" mentions temperatures of 35°C or less

	Question 1	Question 2	Question 3	Question 4
	Patients With Hypothermia	Total Patients	Patients With Hypothermia	Total Patients
	December 2022	December 2022	December 2021	December 2021
Arrivals to Hospital	5	11360	13	11950

Source: C3 Command and Control System

Inclusions: All emergency and routine patients with a Arrived at Destination time

## **EXAMPLES OF "WHAT'S THE PROBLEM" FOR HYPOTHERMIC PATIENTS**

[PATIENT] FOUND LYING IN GRASS COLD [PATIENT] FALLEN OUTSIDE, FREEZING, SOAKING [ELDERLY PATIENT] HOUSE FLOODED, HYPOTHERMIC [PATIENT] VOMITING ABDO PAIN SATS 82 TEMP 34.7 LOW BP AND HR [PATIENT] FALL- GREY- COLD TO TOUCH

