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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 REQUEST REF: 0650-16**

Thank you for your email of 13 June asking for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000. You asked:

***“I am looking for any statistics you have on hospital admissions for UK residents abroad to A&E for accidents, illness and injury for the period 2011-2015 in the following countries and island groups:***

***Canary Islands, Balearics, Dominican Republic, Cuba, Mexico, Tunisia, Sri Lanka, Malta and Cape Verde”***

***You subsequently agreed to modify this to British nationals rather than UK residents.***

### **Outcome of Search**

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search and that the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does hold information relevant to your request.

### **Disclosure**

I can provide the following figures:

<b>Hospitalisations</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>
Tenerife	87	109	114	117	124
Gran Canaria	59	94	61	56	83
Lanzarote	0	0	1	3	1
Mallorca	303	227	126	130	106
Ibiza	241	152	59	30	25
Dominican Republic	19	21	10	18	24
Cuba	15	25	21	22	27
Mexico	17	20	21	29	28
Tunisia	16	9	9	13	26
Sri Lanka	15	20	12	25	11
Malta	27	25	16	26	27
Portugal	84	114	100	84	93

Please note that we do not have a separate Consulate on Cape Verde so we have provided the figures for all of Portugal. Fuerteventura is managed from Las Palmas and Menorca from Palma.

In relation to these figures, Consular assistance is delivered globally by a network of diplomatic missions responsible for geographic areas. Our diplomatic missions record assistance cases for the region which they cover as opposed to the incident location. We also offer Consular assistance to Commonwealth nationals in non-Commonwealth countries where they do not have any diplomatic or consular representation. Some of this assistance may be included in the data that we make available. It should also be noted that it is not mandatory for British nationals to report incidents to the FCO (or one of its diplomatic missions) so consequently the figures provided only cover incidents where we have offered Consular assistance.

As previously advised, it is also possible that some hospital admissions may be listed under other headings in our statistics.

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Yours sincerely,

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