

Catalonia

Report about the incidents between the 1st and 4th of October 2017: patients attended to during the electoral and latter days as a consequence of the actions of state police bodies

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During the electoral day of 1 October 2017, as a consequence of the charges by state police bodies, 991 people were attended to and assessed by professionals from SEM (*Sistema d'Emergències Mèdiques*), CAP (*Centres d'Atenció Primària*), PAC (*Punts d'Atenció Continuada*), CUAP (*Centres d'Urgències d'Atenció Primària*) and hospital centres. Of those, 214 were attended to by the SEM and 777 in health centres across 38 hospitals, 40 CAP and PAC, and 14 CUAP.

Between the 2nd and 4th of October 2017, a further 75 people were attended to in health centres.

Thus, the total number of people seen between the 1st and 4th of October in relation with the police charges was 1,066.

1. Descriptive analysis of issues related to the assistance given on 1 October 2017

Distribution of people attended to according to health region

• Barcelona city	325	32%
• Camp de Tarragona	48	5%
• Central Catalonia	47	5%
• Girona	254	26%
• Lleida, High Pyrenees and Aran	123	12%
• Metropolitan North	58	6%
• Metropolitan South	30	3%
• Terres de l'Ebre	106	11%
• TOTAL	991	100%

Diagnostic classification corresponding to the 991 people attended to

• Heart attack	1	0.1%
• Concussion	30	3.0%
• Fracture	23	2.3%
• Multiple contusions	383	38.6%
• Contusion	435	43.9%
• Wound	50	5.0%
• Collapse/hypotension	36	3.6%
• Arrhythmia	3	0.3%
• Anxiety crisis	28	2.8%
• Conjunctivitis	2	0.2%
• Total	991	100%

Distribution of the cases according to the gravity of diagnosis

- Light 823 83.0%
- Moderate 163 16.4%
- Serious 5 0.5%
- **Total 991 100%**

The cases corresponding to the most serious diagnoses are:

- One heart attack (University Hospital of Vall d'Hebron)
- One case of a fractured eye socket y upper right jawbone with affects on the eyeball (*Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau*)
- One case of head and abdominal trauma with hypertensive crisis (*Hospital Plató*)
- One case of head trauma traumatismo craneoencefálico with loss of consciousness (*Hospital Santa Caterina*)
- One case of trauma to the right shoulder and muscular trauma of right trapezius (*Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau*)

Distribution of persons attended to by sex

- Female 31.7%
- Male 68.3%

Distribution of persons attended to by age group

- Under 18 2.1%
- 18-40 39.9%
- 41-65 47.6%
- 65 and over 10.4%

Amongst the total number of people attended to on 1st October, there were two children under 11 years old (one for contusion of the lumbar and another for collapse) and 23 people over 79 years old.

2. Descriptive analysis of aspects related to medical assistance given between the 2nd and 4th October of 2017

Distribution of the people attended to according to health region

- Barcelona 15 20.0%
- Camp Tarragona 2 2.7%
- Central Catalonia 8 10.7%
- Girona 38 50.7%
- Lleida 2 2.7%
- Metropolitan North 3 4.0%
- Metropolitan South 5 6.7%
- Terres de l'Ebre 2 2.7%
- **Total 75 100%**

Diagnostic classification corresponding to the 75 people attended to

The emotional disturbances related to the police charges attended to by the network of health centres from the 2nd of October, have been addressed as part of the special

programme of integral attention to persons with signs of disturbance for acute or posttraumatic stress announced by the Health Minister on 6th October.

• Head trauma	1	1.3%
• Fracture	2	2.7%
• Multiple contusions	30	40.0%
• Contusion	40	53.3%
• Wound	1	1.3%
• Vitreous detachment	1	1.3%
• Total	75	100%

Distribution of the cases attended to according to the severity of the diagnosis

• Light	63	84%
• Moderate	10	13.3%
• Serious	2	2.7%

The cases that correspond to the most serious medical diagnoses are

- One case of subcapital fracture of the femur (*Hospital de la Santa Creu i Sant Pau*)
- One case of multiple contusions and injuries (*PAC La Ràpita*)

Distribution of people attended to by sex

• Female	30.7%
• Male	69.3%

Distribution of people attended to according to age group

• Under 18	0.0%
• 18-40	42.7%
• 41-65	48%
• 65 and over	9.3%
• Total	100%

3. Security agents attended to

• <i>Policía Nacional</i>	9 agents
• <i>Guardia Civil</i>	2 agents
• <i>Mossos d'Esquadra</i>	1 agent
• Total	12 agents

Unofficial translation by [Statewatch](#) of a [report](#) (pdf) published on 19 October by CatSalut and the Department of Health of the Generalitat of Catalonia. Some information in the original report has not been translated (lists of the health centres involved in attending to those injured during police actions).