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 and 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

- Policía Nacional 9 agents
- Guardia Civil 2 agents
- Mossos d'Esquadra 1 agent
- Total 12 agents

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