Paediatric Admissions for Intentional Assault in Jamaica

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OBJECTIVE

Describe patterns of hospital admission for intentional physical or sexual assault among children aged 1–16.

METHODS

The researchers reviewed 2015–2024 records from Bustamante Hospital for Children and the University Hospital of the West Indies.

RESULTS

Of 835 eligible charts, 118 were included in the preliminary analysis. Children under eight accounted for 80% of that sample. Perpetrators were often male relatives.

CONCLUSION

The preliminary patterns can help identify children who may benefit from targeted prevention and support.