



# Department of Children and Youth Affairs

## Inventory of Data Sources on Children's Lives

### A34 National Registry of Deliberate Self-Harm

<b>Data owner</b>	National Suicide Research Foundation ( <a href="http://www.nsrif.ie">www.nsrif.ie</a> )
<b>Brief description</b>	Data are recorded relating to the time of presentation to hospital, basic demographic characteristics of the patient who presented, the nature of their self-harming behaviour and the next care recommended after emergency treatment.
<b>Primary function of data</b>	To establish the incidence of hospital-treated deliberate self-harm in Ireland.
<b>Key classificatory variables</b>	ID Other; Sex; DOB; Geog Sub County
<b>Themes/domains</b>	Health; Demographics
<b>Unit of observation</b>	Individual patient
<b>Start date of data collection</b>	2001 on a pilot basis. More comprehensive data collection began in 2002.
<b>Frequency of data collection</b>	Continuous
<b>Data format</b>	Separate record for each patient
<b>Method of data collection</b>	Data are computerised.
<b>Access/further information</b>	National Suicide Research Foundation E-mail: <a href="mailto:evegriffin@ucc.ie">evegriffin@ucc.ie</a> Web: <a href="http://www.nsrif.ie">www.nsrif.ie</a> Publications available at: <a href="http://nsrif.ie/publications/">http://nsrif.ie/publications/</a>
<b>Notes</b>	<p>Since 2006, data are recorded from all hospital emergency departments in the country.</p> <p>Annually, approximately 12,000 deliberate self-harm presentations are recorded.</p> <p>The NSRF works with colleagues in Northern Ireland to establish a similar registry there. There are similar registries in most European countries on a regional basis.</p>