and Centor scores in 16 cases (32%) due to lack of clinical detail. Most missed criteria included examination of throat and assessment for cervical lymphadenopathy. Using FeverPain criteria, antibiotic prescription was indicated in 31 cases. 29 cases received antibiotics. Using Centor criteria, antibiotic prescription was indicated in 32 cases, with 29 cases receiving antibiotics. Appropriate antibiotic selection occurred in 89.7% of cases.

Conclusions We do not reference clinical scoring systems in notes, yet appropriate antibiotic choices are made in 89.7% of cases. Throat and neck examination was most frequently missed, however this study was carried out after RCPCH advised against examination of sore throats unless necessary. To improve practice, we have created a sticker with FeverPain scoring criteria, as well as a clinical education tool. We will re-audit results in 2021. Further research is needed to validate a which scoring system is best in children presenting acutely to secondary care with an acute sore throat.

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1573 PATTERNS AND OUTCOMES OF DELIBERATE SELF-HARM AMONG YOUNG PEOPLE PRESENTED TO A TERTIARY CARE SERVICE IN THE UNITED KINGDOM

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Background An estimated 220,000 cases of deliberate self-harm, present annually in England placing considerable pressure on child mental health services. Further, self-harm is one of the strongest predictors of future suicide indicating the importance of provision of support to those who present with self-harm.

Objectives - To assess patterns and outcomes of deliberate self-harm, and co-morbidities of young people presented at John Radcliffe hospital, Oxford.

Methods - All children and young people (age: 8–17 years) who presented with either deliberate self-harm or abuse at John Radcliffe hospital, Oxford over one year duration were retrospectively recruited to the study. Demographic factors, patterns and outcomes of deliberate self-harm, co-morbidities and outcomes were studied using a structured check list.

Results - Sixty three young people presented with history either deliberate overdose or self-harm. Mean age was 14.47 years (range: 8–17 years). The majority was female (48, 76.2%). Nine (14.3%) were 'looked after' young people whilst three (4.8%) were adopted. The majority of young people had harmed themselves by superficial cutting (40, 63.4%) followed by deliberate overdose/poisoning (2, 3.2%), hanging (1, 1.6%), stabbing (1, 1.6%) and setting fire and having burns (1, 1.6%). Ingested medications included paracetamol (7), ibuprofen (5), and Fluoxetine (1) while none of the overdoses were lethal. Suicidal ideation was reported by nine young people (14.3%). 25 young people (39.6%) had a previous history of deliberate self-harm while 35 young people were being followed up with CAMHS. Co-morbidities were present in eleven young people and they included depression (10), autism (6), and eating disorders (5). Eight children had a history of substance abuse while four children were worried that they would experience bullying. Management included ward admission (19), blood tests (13), and ECG (10). Four young people declined assessment while five needed one to one supervision.

Conclusions - Most young people who harmed themselves were female and a notable proportion was ‘looked after’. Most young people used superficial cutting for self-harming. Though the majority were followed up with CAMHS, recurrent self-harm was common. Common commodities were depression, eating disorders and autism.