

Please can I have the following information, broken down by month for 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024 year **to date?**

I would like information about the number of cases of scabies detected in borough care homes. Please provide me with the information in a machine-readable spreadsheet with the following columns:

Month
cases confirmed
cases suspected
monthly case rate

Please also provide me with a separate bullet point list showing the number of care homes which experienced confirmed outbreaks, and the number of care homes which experienced suspected outbreaks, for each year.

The epidemiology of scabies in the UK is poorly understood and available disease surveillance data is limited. It is not a notifiable disease, and the majority of data comes from outbreaks reported to Health Protection Teams in England and reports from sexual health services via GUMCAD.

Currently available tests are rarely helpful in scabies diagnosis and management. The identification of burrows or mites with a dermatoscope is diagnostic of scabies but is not widely available in the community. The examination of skin scrapings with a light microscope to identify mites, mite eggs, or faeces is often considered to be the 'gold standard' but this method has poor sensitivity and is rarely performed.

Therefore all of the cases reported to the team (on the tables attached) are suspected cases as none will have had testing as above for a definite diagnosis.

Suspected outbreaks by year

2021- x 1
2022- x 1
2023- x 2
2024- x 2

2021	Month	Cases Confirmed	Cases Suspected
	January	0	0
	February	0	0
	March	0	0
	April	0	0
	May	0	0
	June	0	0
	July	0	0
	August	0	0
	September	0	0
	October	0	0
	November	0	8
	December	0	0

2023	Month	Cases Confirmed	Cases Suspected
	January	0	0
	February	0	2
	March	0	0
	April	0	0
	May	0	1
	June	0	1
	July	0	0
	August	0	0
	September	0	2
	October	0	0
	November	0	0
	December	0	0

2022	Month	Cases Confirmed	Cases Suspected
	January	0	0
	February	0	5
	March	0	0
	April	0	0
	May	0	0
	June	0	0
	July	0	0
	August	0	0
	September	0	0
	October	0	0
	November	0	0
	December	0	0

2024	Month	Cases Confirmed	Cases Suspected
	January	0	10
	February	0	0
	March	0	0
	April	0	0