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Jeremy Hunt [apparently said on Good Morning Britain](#) this morning that:

This is always the busiest week but we need to work with the public to understand that accident and emergency departments are there for what it says on the tin, for accidents and emergencies.

I just thought I would check. The [most recent weekly admission data for A&E departments I could find](#) covered 2010 to 2105. I plotted total admissions:

There is a much [larger version here](#).

But just for the record, the troughs are always in the winter - and often at almost exactly this time of the year. The peaks are always in the summer.

Mr Hunt is not telling the truth. We've just been through the quietest time of the year.