

- 13 Siobhan manages a mental health ward and is considering staffing costs for the future. Siobhan has considered the incidence of mental health problems in her ward over the past five years.

Table 2 shows the number of patients admitted to the mental health ward and the staffing costs over the last five years.

Year	Number of patients admitted to the mental health ward	Staffing costs (£)
5 years ago	26	£520,000
4 years ago	30	£600,000
3 years ago	32	£640,000
2 years ago	34	£680,000
1 year ago	35	£700,000
Current year	37	£740,000

Table 2

- (a) Explain **one** conclusion that could be made from the data in **Table 2** in terms of staffing costs for Siobhan over the next five years.

(2)

The staffing costs will continue to increase as ~~depress~~ people are more likely to be diagnosed these days. 5 years ago there were only 26 patients admitted costing £520,000 in contrast to the 37 people admitted this year, with an increased price of £740,000.

