Asylum seekers are at elevated risk of self-harm and being detained further increases such risk; yet little has been known about self-harm in asylum seekers until recently.

Drawing on data from 949 self-harm incidents reported across the Australian asylum seeker population between 1 August 2014 - 31 July 2015, obtained via Freedom of Information, this thesis examines the incidence and key characteristics of self-harm, including by processing arrangements (i.e. community-based asylum seekers, community-detention, onshore detention, Nauru, Manus Island).

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