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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 201103.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

I'm following up on some statistics from London Ambulance Service about an increase in call-outs to suicides or attempted suicides.

They say:

Figures from London Ambulance Service show crews attended an average of 37 suicides or attempted suicides a day this year compared to an average of 22 a day the year before. Five years ago the number was 17.

I'm looking to build up a national picture. Are you able to give me equivalent figures for your ambulance service

	2020	2019	2015
average nos of suicides/day	12.6	10.8	12.6

- Values provided are for incidents with a response.
- For the year 2019 values provided are from 1st Jan 2019 up to and including 31st December 2019.
- For the year 2020, values provided are from 1st Jan 2020 up to and including 1st Nov 2020.
- Please note that values provided are calculated values
- Please note that the condition ID associated with 'suicide' was used to identify 'suspected suicide'.
- Please treat all values with caution, as this may not always be what was identified when crew arrived at scene.

I hope you find this information of some assistance.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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