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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 201106.

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

I'm looking to get an understanding of the number of calls relating to attempted suicide that ambulance services across the country have responded to since the end of March 2020. I'm getting in touch to find out if it's possible to obtain the statistics for the South East Coast Ambulance Service in the year (or even months) before the national lockdown, and also since the lockdown.

2019/20	2020/21
4221	2653

- Values provided are for incidents with a response.
- For the year 2019/20 values provided are from 1st Apr 2019 up to and including 31st mar 2020.
- For the year 2020/21, values provided are from 1st Apr 2020 up to and including 1st Nov 2020.
- 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

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