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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 201208.

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

1) How many choking incidents did your ambulance service/Trust attend in 2019 and again in 2020 to date?

2019	2020
1085	963

- 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 30th Nov 2020.
- The condition ID, which was identified by the call taker as the reason for the call; was used to identify choking-related calls. Please treat all values with caution, as this may not always be what was identified when crew arrived at scene.
- Please note that not every 'choking' incident is a confirmed case.
- Values provided are for incidents with a response. Responses- defined as incidents where at least one resource has arrived.

2) How many casualties were dead upon arrival?

None of the incidents listed above were classed dead upon arrival.

3) How many casualties died on the way to hospital?

Of the patients transported to hospital none died on route.

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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