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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 210120.

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

- 1. How many assaults on ambulance staff took place over the last 3 years broken down into calendar years 2018, 2019, 2020.**

Please see below figures for physical assaults.

2018 - 183

2019 - 235

2020 - 231

- 2. How many times have ambulance staff gone off sick due to stress over the last 3 years, broken down into calendar years 2018, 2019, 2020.**

The table below shows the number of episodes of sickness for each year as recorded on ESR with reason '*S10 Anxiety/stress/depression/other psychiatric illnesses*' for front line ambulance staff.

Year	Episodes
2018	299
2019	390
2020	469

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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