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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 210123.

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

I wonder if you would by any chance be able to furnish me with some data relating to such events?

Id be very grateful if I could be furnished with a spreadsheet of calls to suicides and attempted suicides across Kent and Medway since 01/01/2015. No personal details required, just any request for attendance, the date and time of the call and if it sadly related to a death.

year	Incident Outcome	nos of suicides/attempted suicides
2016	Hear & Treat	26
2016	See & Convey	29
2016	See & Treat	35
2017	Unknown	96
2017	Hear & Treat	100
2017	See & Convey	446
2017	See & Treat	261
2018	Unknown	1315
2018	Hear & Treat	57
2018	See & Convey	857
2018	See & Treat	518
2019	Unknown	1561
2019	Hear & Treat	84
2019	See & Convey	971
2019	See & Treat	594
2020	Unknown	1472
2020	Hear & Treat	123
2020	See & Convey	1163
2020	See & Treat	793
2021	Unknown	118
2021	Hear & Treat	13

2021	See & Convey	59
2021	See & Treat	42

Number of patients died at scene in 2019 is <10.

Number of patients died at scene in 2020 is <10.

- Please note that for figures that are less than 10 we are unable to provide the exact number as it may be identifiable to individuals
- Please note that values provided are from 1st January 2015 up to and including 31st January 2021.
- Please note that the condition ID 'suicide' was used to identify 'suicide and attempted suicide'.
 - 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 'Suicide and attempted suicide' incident is a confirmed case.
- Value provided are for incidents with a response.
 - Responses- defined as incidents where at least one resource has arrived on scene.
- We are unable to provide the date and time of the call as this would be too patient identifiable.
- The location Kent & Medway has been identified by county and CCGs related to the terms: Kent, Medway and Kent & Medway.
 - These values including the incident outcome 'unknown' will include but not limited to incidents that were: cancelled by caller, duplicates, vehicle stood down etc..

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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