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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 210202.

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

**I am sending this request under the Freedom of Information Act to ask for the following information:**

- 1) The number of **Category 1, 2, 3 and 4 emergencies, defined as per NHS England's Ambulance Response Programme**, attended that were related to self-harm in the financial years:
  - a) 2018-19
  - b) 2019-20
  - c) 2020-21, to date

Please break down the age of patients in each of the emergencies identified in Q1a-c into 5-year age bands, beginning with ages 0-4 and ending with ages 90+.

- 2) The total number of **Category 1** emergencies attended that were related to self-harm for those aged 65+ in each of the financial years outlined in Q1a-c.
- 3) The total number of **Category 1** emergencies attended that were related to self-harm for those aged 0-64 in each of the financial years outlined in Q1a-c.

For questions 1-3, please take 'related to self-harm' to be defined as all forms of 'intentional self-harm' and 'intentional self-poisoning'. Should your data be recorded in the same form as by hospital trusts, these are categorised under the external cause codes X60 to X84 inclusive.

If data is recorded by calendar year rather than financial year, please could the data for q1-3 be supplied for the following years: a) 2018, b) 2019 and c) 2020.

Age	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
0-4	0	<10	<10
5-9'	0	0	0
10-14'	0	70	13
15-19	0	356	64
20-24	<10	382	77
25-29	<10	369	61
30-34	<10	422	72
35-39	0	214	23
40-44	<10	205	34
45-49	0	173	29
50-54	0	188	39
55-59	<10	171	25
60-64	0	117	11
65-69	0	57	<10
70-74	0	40	<10
75-79	0	28	<10
80-84	<10	25	<10
85-89	0	10	<10
90+	0	14	0

Age	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
0-64	0	127	18
65+	0	12	<10

- Values provided are from the 1st April 2018 up to and including the 7th February 2021.
- Values provided are for incidents with a response.
- Responses- defined as incidents where at least one resource has arrived on scene.
- The crew condition code (which was used to locate actual or suspected self-harm cases) was identified in scanned freetext fields. Please treat values with caution due to inaccuracies associated with OCR (Optical character recognition).
- Also, this may not be the reason for the call and not all self-harm incidents may be identified if this has not been recorded.

- 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.

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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