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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 210219.

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

I would like to make a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act regarding the following:

**Would it be possible to answer the following questions as an updated request under the freedom of information act please?**

**1. How many physical assaults towards paramedics and other medical / ambulance staff have been recorded each calendar year 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017 and 2016?**

**2. What sanctions have been taken in relation to the incidents recorded in question 1?**

Physical Assault Data.

2016 – 214 Assaults – 79 Sanctions

2017 – 246 Assaults - 77 Sanctions

2018 – 186 Assaults - 59 Sanctions

2019 – 182 Assaults - 60 Sanctions

2020 – 241 Assaults - 42 Sanctions

Sanctions include both Civil and Criminal Sanctions against offender(s).

Please find below some examples of what we typically achieve against offenders.

## **Criminal Sanctions**

- Custodial Sentences
- Suspended Sentences
- Fines
- Criminal Behaviour Orders
- Mandatory Rehabilitation
- Home Detention Curfews

## **Civil Sanctions**

- Address Warning Markers
- Behaviour Letters

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:

[FOI@secamb.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI@secamb.nhs.uk)

Yours sincerely

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