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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 210601.

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

I write under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to assaults on ambulance service staff.

Please could you provide the following information:

- **data on the number of reported physical assaults and verbal assaults on ambulance crew members and call centre staff for each of the last five years.**

Please see the data as requested below.

Financial Year	Verbal Abuse	Physical Assault	Total
2016 - 17	167	220	387
2017 - 18	162	178	340
2018 - 19	171	198	369
2019 - 20	218	246	464
2020 - 21	188	217	405
Total	906	1059	1965

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

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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