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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 220126.

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

If you have an in your jurisdiction information on the following incidents that can you provide me with the information:

- 1. For the calendar years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 to date, the total number of reported incidents referring to synthetic opioid abuse;**
- 2. For the calendar years 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 to date, the total number of reported incidents referring to OxyContin/Oxycodone abuse, illegal dealing, and/or illegal prescriptions;**

Can I have the data returned to me broken down by calendar year please.

Month	year	Count of Incidents
4	2018	<10
5	2018	<10
6	2018	<10
7	2018	<10
8	2018	<10
9	2018	<10
11	2018	<10
12	2018	<10
1	2019	<10
2	2019	<10
3	2019	<10

4	2019	<10
5	2019	<10
6	2019	<10
7	2019	10
8	2019	<10
9	2019	16
10	2019	29
11	2019	14
12	2019	28
1	2020	34
2	2020	24
3	2020	27
4	2020	35
5	2020	32
6	2020	22
7	2020	19
8	2020	47
9	2020	28
10	2020	25
11	2020	48
12	2020	17
1	2021	32
2	2021	17
3	2021	49
4	2021	49
5	2021	66
6	2021	73
7	2021	20
8	2021	23
9	2021	63
10	2021	<10
11	2021	83
12	2021	46
1	2022	20

For questions 1, incidents notes from call takers and from electronic patient records referencing Incidents where "Opioid" is mentioned, no results pre-arp.

For question 2 No results returned for mentioned search terms.

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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