



16th August 2022

Email:

Dear,

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I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 220750.

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

I wish to obtain information about incidents relating to suicide, attempted suicide, mental health issues, self harm.

Q1. Please let me know, between 16.03.2021 to 23.03.2022., how many of the following calls/incidents your service recorded:

- a. Suicide/Attempted suicide.**
- b. Mental Health/Psychiatric problem.**
- c. Self Harm.**

Q.2 Exactly the same as Q.1 a, b & c but between 23.03.2020 and 15.03.2021 instead.

NOTES AND CLARIFICATION

i. If possible please can you provide any eventual response to my questions in PDF format.

ii. I appreciate that your system may not record incidents under exactly the terms I have written above. For instance, from reading FOIA responses London Ambulance have previously issued, I believe that organisation may have an incident recording category called "Psychiatric/Abnormal Behaviour/Suicide Attempt". While worded a little differently than my question, this is quite clearly the kind of info I am seeking, and so if your organisation similarly has a category or categories which clearly cover the kind of info I am after but are worded slightly differently then please use these as opposed to trying to stick rigidly and pedantically to the exact, precise wording I have used in my questions (not accusing yourselves of anything, please don't misunderstand me, and I apologise if that last bit sounded snotty as this is not my intention. However, I have been told that some organisations will try to use things like this to delay/withhold, so I am just inserting this as a "general disclaimer" if you like).

Date Range	Count of Cases
23/03/2020-15/03/2021	55704
16/03/2021-23/03/2022	72372

Date Range: 23/03/2020 - 23/03/2022

Mental Health Call: identified with one of the following:

- Symptom groups recorded during NHS Pathways triage: Worsening known Mental health problem, Mental Health Problem, ED Triage Mental Health
- Condition Code: HCP Mental Health, Mental Health

Self-Harm Call and Suicide: identified with one of the following:

- Symptom groups recorded during NHS Pathways triage: Self-Harm, Deliberate Self-Harm, Drug, Solvent, Alcohol Misuse
- Condition Code: Hanged Attempt, Hanging, Suicide

Please note that this is only the count of 999 Calls, it does not include 111 Calls.

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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