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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 221010.

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

**I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information. Please may you provide me with:**

- **The number of children treated/ calls for choking-related injuries in the past three years- for the ages 5 and under.**
- **The number of children treated/ calls for choking-related injuries in the past three years- between the ages of 0-18 years old.**
- **The number of deaths announced from children choking-related causes in the past three years- for the ages 5 and under.**
- **The number of deaths announced from children choking-related causes in the past three years- between the ages of 0-18 years old.**

- Data is provided is for 01/Sep/2019 to 30/Sep/2022
- By using Crew Condition code "Obstruction airway by foreign body (finding)" and "Choking"
- For question 3 & 4 "Deceased - Handover to Police (expected or unexpected death)" or "Deceased - Expected death (assisted with arrangements)" or "Deceased (Other)" or "Deceased - Conveyed to Mortuary"
- Please note: The data will only include where a date of birth has been recorded.
- As a Trust SECamb complies with the ICO Anonymisation Code of Practice. It applies the 'less than 10 caveat' in instances where resulting data relates to minimal numbers when responding to requests for information.

The number of children treated/ calls for choking-related injuries in the past three years- for the ages 5 and under.

Year	Month	Count of Incidents
2019	9	Less than 10
2019	10	12
2019	11	12
2019	12	Less than 10
2020	1	17
2020	2	13
2020	3	11
2020	4	23
2020	5	21
2020	6	42
2020	7	29
2020	8	24
2020	9	23
2020	10	21
2020	11	27
2020	12	24
2021	1	22
2021	2	16
2021	3	29
2021	4	21
2021	5	14
2021	6	18
2021	7	12
2021	8	11
2021	9	21
2021	10	18
2021	11	21
2021	12	18
2022	1	15
2022	2	19
2022	3	14
2022	4	16
2022	5	15
2022	6	15
2022	7	14
2022	8	13
2022	9	11

The number of children treated/ calls for choking-related injuries in the past three years- between the ages of 0-18 years old.

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2019	9	Less than 10
2019	10	17
2019	11	15
2019	12	Less than 10
2020	1	20
2020	2	15
2020	3	15
2020	4	27
2020	5	27
2020	6	45
2020	7	36
2020	8	29
2020	9	25
2020	10	21
2020	11	35
2020	12	28
2021	1	24
2021	2	21
2021	3	31
2021	4	24
2021	5	22
2021	6	21
2021	7	15
2021	8	16
2021	9	28
2021	10	20
2021	11	24
2021	12	23
2022	1	21
2022	2	24
2022	3	21
2022	4	16
2022	5	21
2022	6	17
2022	7	16
2022	8	15
2022	9	15

The number of deaths recorded from children choking-related causes  
in the past three years- for the ages 5 and under.

Year	Month	Count of Incidents
2019	9	0
2020	3	0
2020	4	0
2020	7	0
2020	10	0
2020	12	0
2021	3	0
2021	4	0
2021	8	0
2021	10	0
2021	12	0
2022	2	0

The number of deaths recorded from children choking-related causes  
in the past three years- between the ages of 0-18 years old.

Year	Month	Count of Incidents
2019	9	0
2020	3	0
2020	4	0
2020	7	0
2020	10	0
2020	12	0
2021	3	0
2021	4	0
2021	8	0
2021	10	0
2021	12	0
2022	2	0

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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