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Dear,

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I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 230308.

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

**Please can you provide the figures for the calendar years 2020, 2021 and 2022 – each year respectively:**

**How many times were ambulance crews late off shift?**

**How many additional hours were worked?**

**How much overtime was paid?**

**How many times did staff miss their meal breaks? - Please note the last time you answered the question you provided: "How many times did staff miss their meal breaks?" has been interpreted as number of shifts with no breaks.**

**How much was paid in compensation for missed meal breaks?**

Year	Q1. Number of late sign offs	Q2. No. of additional hours worked	Q4. No. of missed breaks
2020	121,840	97,141.5	10,971
2021	135,608	109,201	5,813
2022	143,356	116,476.75	5,914

The total overtime paid to ambulance crews for additional hours for late of shift was:

2020^	2021	2022
£1,799,315	£1,895,094	£1,966,957

^estimated (require hours from Q2)

The amounts paid in accordance with our meal break policy\* was:

2020	2021	2022
£547,640	£703,973	£793,720

\* a compensatory payment is made when either: Where a meal break is taken outside of the crew members Dispatch Desk; Where a meal break is taken outside of the meal break window or where a crew is not stood down for a meal-break during their shift.

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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