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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 230425.

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

I am emailing with a Freedom of Information request, regarding digital discharge summaries. My query is:

Where a freetext search is possible, how many digital discharge summaries included any of the terms "spiked", "spike" or "spiking" over the past 5 calendar years, and the year to date. Please provide data for each year:-

- 1) 2018
- 2) 2019
- 3) 2020
- 4) 2021
- 5) 2022
- 6) 2023 - latest available data - please specify period

Year	Count of Responses
2019	83
2020	534
2021	709
2022	704
2023	215

Date range: 01/01/2018 - 30/04/2023

*Data is available from Aug-2019 when we commenced a phased implementation of our electronic patient care records (ePCRs)

Digital Discharge Summary: Free text notes have been used from ePCRs

Free text: the following terms have been searched in ePCRs:

- " spike "
- " spiked "
- " spiking "

Responses: Calls where at least one resource has arrived on scene.

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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