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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 230232.

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

Question 1

How many attendances, in the time period of 5 years, have the service attended opioid overdoses?

Answer

Opiate ODs - Date Range: 01/01/2018 - 31/12/22

Incidents where mention of 'opiate' or 'opioid' were mentioned in the 'Overdose' field on the electronic patient clinical record (ePCR). A phased implementation of ePCR began in August 2019 and was complete by May 2020. **Prior to ePCR the information is not stored in a format that would enable reporting.**

Year	Count of Incidents
2019	Less than 10
2020	14
2021	10
2022	11

Please note that Q1 does not reflect the true number of incidents attended given answer to the second question when naloxone was administered.

Question 2

How many incidents in the last 5 years have Naloxone been administered?

Answer

Naloxone -Date Range: 01/01/2018 - 31/12/22

Incidents where at least one instance of Naloxone was recorded on the (e)PCR. Prior to ePCR the paper records were scanned and converted to digital records which means that the results are less accurate.

Year	Count of Incidents
2018	854
2019	883
2020	1056
2021	1088
2022	1048

Question 3

How often in a 2-year period has there been a wastage of Naloxone due to the expiration of the drug?

Answer

Date Range April 2018 – March 2023

Naloxone 400 micrograms/1ml solution for injection ampoules	
Month and Year	number of Expired vials
Apr-18	59
May-18	47
Jun-18	1
Jul-18	45
Aug-18	38
Sep-18	0
Oct-18	68
Nov-18	181
Dec-18	237
Jan-19	464
Feb-19	197
Mar-19	36
Apr-19	9
May-19	195
Jun-19	130
Jul-19	147

Aug-19	0
Sep-19	304
Oct-19	279
Nov-19	61
Dec-19	23
Jan-20	23
Feb-20	80
Mar-20	16
Apr-20	10
May-20	13
Jun-20	102
Jul-20	875
Aug-20	976
Sep-20	1152
Oct-20	116
Nov-20	64
Dec-20	53
Jan-21	23
Feb-21	539
May-21	421
Apr-21	346
May-21	26
Jun-21	190
Jul-21	886
Aug-21	623
Sep-21	1444
Oct-21	1001
Nov-21	637
Dec-21	88
Jan-22	20
Feb-22	73
Mar-22	103
Apr-22	86
May-22	26
Jun-22	14
Jul-22	7
Aug-22	398
Sep-22	429
Oct-22	887
Nov-22	1280
Dec-22	955
Jan-23	476
Feb-23	362
1st-14th Mar 2023	123
TOTAL	17464

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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