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I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 231123.

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

I'm conducting research into different approaches to improve safety of medicine administration. To identify if there is a problem, would it be possible to provide number of adverse incidents, which are a result of a drug administration error.

The title of the scientific paper I am planning to write is:

**A Comparative Analysis of Drug Checking Methods in the Pre-hospital Setting:
A Comprehensive Safety Assessment of the '6 Rights of Drug Administration'
versus the Novel Idea of 'A DETOUR.'**

This data will form part of the background chapter, to support the need for the investigation.

Primary data request:

Number of reported administration errors (with or without patient harm) per year, for last 5 years ideally.

Number of actual medicine administrations per year, ideally for last 5 years.

Secondary data request if primary data unavailable:

Number of adverse incidents related to medicines in general.

Year	No. Drug Administration Incidents	No. Drug Administrations
2018	281	357396
2019	104	380970
2020	105	294811
2021	112	317528
2022	118	291851
2023 (Jan-Oct)	120	248775

Note 1: Drug Administration Incidents are defined as Datix incidents where the sub-category relates to the direct administration of drugs. It does not include Datix incidents where there are issues with drugs before the point where they are administered.

Note 2: No. drug administrations is calculated using mixed PCR records from 2018 and 2019 and ePCR records for 2020 onwards.

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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