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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 240220.

You requested the following information, please also see our response on the attached spreadsheet:

We would be most grateful if you could answer the following questions:

1. **How many cases of life-threatening external bleeding has your service seen in each of the previous 5 calendar years 2019 to 2023 inclusive? (Year)**
2. **In each Year, how many of these incidents were categorised as happening in a place of work / a public place / a residential address etc. (Location Type)**
3. **In each Year and in each Location Type, how many casualties received intervention with a tourniquet and how many with a haemostatic dressing (ambulance or first aider applied)? (Treatment Type)**
4. **In each Year, in each Category and each Treatment Type, how many cases resulted in fatality?**
5. **If possible, please provide break downs on cause of the injury eg, self-harm, violence, fall, RTC etc.**

We know that someone with severe bleeding can exsanguinate (bleed out) in less than 5 minutes. We would therefore be most grateful if you could answer the following questions to validate the requirement of first aider intervention:

6. **In each Year and in each Location Type, how many of the incidents were initially categorised as a Category 1 (red/purple) response?
How many were initially categorised as a Category 2 response?**

7. **For each Year, and for each Location Type, what was the average time taken for an ambulance clinician to arrive on scene?**
8. **For each Year and for each Location Type, how often were ambulance resources 'stood- off' or 'held-off' until police had secured the scene?**

Please see attached spreadsheet.

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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