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Dear,

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Chair: David Astley OBE; CEO: Simon Weldon

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 240310.

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

## **REQUEST**

Since the 1st January 2014 until as close to the current day as possible:

- 1) How many reports have been made by one member of ambulance staff against another member/members of ambulance staff accusing them of sexual harassment.
- 2) How many reports have been made by one member of ambulance staff against another member of ambulance staff accusing them of sexual assault.
- 3) How many reports have been made by one member of ambulance staff against another member of ambulance staff accusing them of rape.
- 4) How many reports have been made by one member of ambulance staff against another member/members of ambulance staff accusing them of bullying.
- \*Please note: When we say 'ambulance staff' the data should include all allegations/complaints made by the following: Paramedics, Emergency Medical Technicians, Emergency Care Assistants and support staff, Assistant Ambulance Practitioners and Non-Emergency Transport Service employees.

Please break down the data by year, and in each case, please include the actioned outcome of any investigation. (e.g. currently under investigation, case not proven, written warning given, dismissal actioned, case handed to police).

Sexual harassment, assault, and rape are categorised as sexual misconduct

- 2014 2016 no central record
- 2017 Sexual misconduct- less than 10, bullying less than 10
- 2018 Sexual misconduct- less than 10, bullying less than 10
- 2019 Sexual misconduct- less than 10, bullying less than 10
- 2020 Sexual misconduct- 12 (all outcome reasons under 10), bullying less than 10
- 2021 Sexual misconduct- 12 (all outcome reasons under 10), bullying less than 10
- 2022 Sexual misconduct- 14 (all outcome reasons under 10), bullying 17 (all outcome reasons under 10)
- 2023 Sexual misconduct- less than 10, bullying less than 10
- 2024 to date Sexual misconduct- 12 (all outcome reasons under 10), bullying less than 10

Less than 10, we are unable to provide exact figures as these could be identifiable to individuals.

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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