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Dear Zeenia,

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I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 241201.

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

Under the Freedom of Information act I am requesting the following information in regards to attacks on paramedics.

- **Number of recorded physical abuse-related incidents over the past ten years up to and including this one (2014-2024) broken down by year, type of offence and local authority in Kent for each of those years.**

This is for all ambulance crew and not just paramedics.

	Physical Assault (General)	Physical Assault (Sexually Aggravated)	Total
2014	Less than 10	0	
2015	145	Less than 10	
2016	205	Less than 10	
2017	169	12	181
2018	176	10	186
2019	222	13	235
2020	219	14	233
2021	217	14	231
2022	221	15	236
2023	272	24	296
2024	308	24	332
Total	2156	141	1433



These figures are Trust wide i.e. Kent, Surrey and Sussex. It would be difficult to differentiate and review every incident to break down exactly where they happened.

The data for 2014 may not be completely accurate as this was before records were held so possibly assaults were recorded in different categories/sub categories in 2014. The years on the table are calendar years.

Where figures are less than 10 we are unable to provide the exact number as it may be identifiable to individuals.

With regards to providing analytical information, the Trust complies with the ICO Anonymisation Code of Practice. This stipulates that when providing information organisations adopt the use of a less than 10 caveat when providing analytical information in instances where there are low numbers. By applying these parameters we are reducing the potential linking of data and making this identifiable.

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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