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Email:

Dear

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/01/43.

You requested the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I seek the following information:

1. For the period 2011 to 2016, please break down by calendar year, ethnicity of patient, gender of patient and age of patient:

- a. The number of ambulance callouts for incidents involving "legal highs"**
- b. Of that figure, the number that required hospital treatment**

Please see attached our spreadsheet which shows the number of emergency responses to patients where the words 'legal highs', 'black mamba' 'exodus damnation' or 'spice' were mentioned during triage of the 999 call and therefore have been logged in the freetext of the call. However, this may be different to what the ambulance crews find when they reach the patient.

This spreadsheet covers the period from 2011 up to 31st December 2016. It shows the number of incidents which resulted in the patient being conveyed to hospital and also those incidents where the patient was treated on scene. The figures have been broken down to show the gender of the patient, however this has not been recorded for all incidents and this is reflected in the unknown column.

I hope you find this information useful.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Information Governance Manager via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely
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