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Dear ,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/07/26.

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

For the years 2017-18 to date, 2016-17, 2015-16, 2014-15 and 2013-14?

1. How many Category A calls were answered by a team of two where neither was a paramedic? It's likely to be an emergency care assistant or ambulance technician. Please state who attended in relation to question 1?

Please see table below:

All grades of clinicians are able to respond to calls categorised as life threatening. Upon arrival, it may not be as given and within the skill set of the arriving clinician, not requiring additional resourcing. All resources can request additional paramedic back up if required.

Financial Year	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18*
Total number	63387	60574	67600	77351	32206

* Between July 2017 and October 2017 we changed the way in which we record our crew skill types. Due to this reason, the data for this period may not be accurate.

The data above relates to double crewed ambulances only and does not include single responders. These calls would have been attended by a combination of Technicians, AP's (Associate Practitioner) and ECSW's (Emergency Care Support Worker).

2. What percentage of all CAT A calls did this represent?

Please see table below:

Financial Year	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18*
Percentage	21.67%	20.11%	21.98%	22.65%	39.44%

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3. How many of the calls involved cardiac arrest or people who've stopped breathing where it was attended by a non-paramedic crew?

Please see table below:

Financial Year	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18*
Total number	845	870	957	1093	303

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The data above consists of calls categorised as Cardiac/Respiratory Arrest. Please note that the problem nature is determined by the call taker, and not a diagnosis, what was found when a crew arrived on scene or what the patient was treated for if conveyed to hospital.

Please note that there will be occasions where unfortunately the patient is beyond all help, and therefore the skills of a paramedic are not required.

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, Information Governance Manager via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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