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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/08/06.

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

For the financial year 2016/17 can you tell me:

- **How many 999 calls to your trust were attended only by emergency care assistants, or other non-fully qualified paramedics rather than with a fully-qualified paramedic in the financial year 2016/217?**

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.

In the financial year 2016-2017 there were 190813 incidents which were not attended by a registered health care professional

- **How many times police took injured and sick people to hospital because of trust ambulance shortages during the same period?**

Please see table below of calls relating to calls which were cancelled for the following reasons:

- Police Conveyed S136
- Police Conveyed - Other

Month	Total Number
Feb-17	82
Mar-17	145
Total	227

We do not hold any data prior to February 2017 as data was not recorded in this way

Please note that the data above only indicated that the patient was conveyed by police. This could be for a variety of reasons and does not necessarily indicate that there were ambulance shortages resulting in police conveying.

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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