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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/08/30.

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

*** How many call-outs did the SECamb attend due to a patient having taken a semi-synthetic or synthetic opioid in the last four financial years (2013-14, 2014-15, 2015-16, 2016-17 and 2017-18 to date (I realise this is an incomplete year)? Please can you break down the last two financial years (2016-17 and 2017-18 to date) by month.**

NB: Please see a definition of synthetic opioids here:

<http://www.talktofrank.com/drug/synthetic-opioids>

*** For each year, can you also provide a breakdown of the semi-synthetic or synthetic opioid that was taken leading to an ambulance call out (eg fentanyl, oxycodone, morphine)**

• For each year, can you also provide information about why the ambulance was called (eg there were 10 call outs due to overdose/ allergic reaction etc).

Unfortunately to extract the information you requested above would require going through each individual record and exceed 18hours and would therefore fall under Section 12- FOI (Appropriate limit and fees) Regulations 2004

Sorry we cannot be of any 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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