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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/10/37.

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

**Would it be possible to obtain data for patient suicide/suicidal attempts, attended by SECAMB within the dates of 2007-2017.**

Please see table below;

Data between 18 May 2011 - 17 Oct 2016 cannot be captured as we did not categorise patient suicide/suicidal attempt

Year	Total Number of calls
2007	6624
2008	7446
2009	8286
2010	8504
2011 (01 Jan-17 May)*	2794
2012*	UNKNOWN
2013*	UNKNOWN
2014*	UNKNOWN
2015*	UNKNOWN
2016 (17 Oct - 31 Dec)	143
2017 (01 Jan - 31 Oct)	1130

\*Data from 2007 – 2011 includes all responses to the below categories:

- Psychiatric/Abnormal Behaviour/Suicide Attempt
- Psy/Abnormal behave/Suicidal Serious Haemorrhage
- Psy/Abnormal behave/Suicidal Serious bleed Violent/Weapons
- Psy/Abnormal behave/Suicidal Serious Haemorrhage-Violent

- Psy/Abnormal behave/Suicidal Serious Haemorrhage-Weapons
- Psy/Abnormal behave/Suicidal Minor Haemorrhage
- Psy/Abnormal behave/Suicidal Minor bleed - Violent & Weapons
- Psy/Abnormal behave/Suicidal Minor Haemorrhage - Violent
- Psy/Abnormal behave/Suicidal Minor Haemorrhage - Weapons
- Threatening Suicide
- Threatening Suicide - Violent & Weapons
- Threatening Suicide - Violent
- Threatening Suicide - Weapons
- Jumper Threatening
- Jumper Threatening - Violent & Weapons
- Jumper Threatening - Violent
- Jumper Threatening - Weapons
- Near Hanging/Strangulation/Suffocation - Alert
- Near Hanging/Strangulation/Suffocation Alert Violent/Weapons
- Near Hanging/Strangulation/Suffocation - Alert - Violent
- Near Hanging/Strangulation/Suffocation - Alert - Weapons
- Psy/Abnml behaviour/Suicidal - Unknown Status/Other codes not applicable
- Psy/Abnml behave/Suicidal - Unknown Status/Other codes not applicable -Violent/Weapon
- Psy/Abnml behaviour/Suicidal - Unknown Status/Other codes not applicable -Violent
- Psy/Abnml behaviour/Suicidal - Unknown Status/Other codes not applicable - Weapon
- Psy/Abnormal behave/Suicidal Not Alert
- Psy/Abnormal behave/Suicidal Not Alert – Violent/Weapons
- Psy/Abnormal behave/Suicidal Not Alert - Violent
- Psy/Abnormal behave/Suicidal Not Alert - Weapons
- Psy/Abnormal behave/Suicidal Dangerous Haemorrhage
- Psy/Abnml behave/Suicidal Dangerous Bleed Violent/Weapon
- Psy/Abnormal behave/Suicidal Dangerous Bleed-Violent
- Psy/Abnormal behave/Suicidal Dangerous Bleed-Weapons

Data from 17<sup>th</sup> October 2016 – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017 includes all responses to the below categories:

- Hanged (Attempted) (2016 - 2017)
- Suicide (2016 - 2017)

*Please note that the problem nature / category 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.*

**Additionally, could you confirm which suicide assessment tool SECAMB uses?**

The current tools are the IPAP from JRCALC (Intent, Plan, Action, Protective factors) and the mental health risk assessment tool (attached) which incorporates suicide risk in part 3.

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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