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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/12/32.

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

**I am requesting a freedom of information request in regards to head injuries and the worsening care advice (WCA) given.**

**How many head injuries have been sustained in 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017?**

**Of these, how many were conveyed to hospital for further investigation and how many were left at home with WCA?**

Please see table below showing the amount of incidents that had 'Head' in the free text (but excluding 'headache' and 'head ache'). Please note that there may be more than one patient at an incident.

Year	Treated on scene (incidents)	Conveyed to hospital (incidents)	Total incidents
2014	16290	24573	40863
2015	15997	22671	38668
2016	18410	25137	43547
2017	14715	22741	37456

**What WCA is given? Is it in line with NICE guidance?**

It is only given by Senior Clinicians i.e. Paramedic Practitioners and is in line with NICE worsening care advice.

**Do you give out leaflets for WCA? For example, what advice leaflets do paramedic practitioners carry for head injuries? Please may I have a copy of this?**

Please find attached head injury advice given out by Paramedic Practitioners. Please note these are currently under review

**Do paramedics and other clinicians in the service have a standardised set of WCA to give to patients? If so what, where is it and what guidance is it based on?**

No

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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