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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/12/35.

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

1) The number of times ambulances were called to under 18s who were experiencing mental health problems over the last five financial years (2013-14,2014-15,2015-16,2016-17,2017-18 so far)?

Please can you break this down by year, age and gender of the patient and also provide any additional details to the nature of the call (eg. if a patient had self-harmed/ attempted suicide etc).

Please see table below showing all incidents with a problem nature of Mental Health: 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.

We are unable to provide any details to the nature as in order to extract this information would mean going through each individual record and exceed 18hours and would therefore fall under Section 12- FOI (Appropriate limit and fees) Regulations 2004

Prior to July 2017 the Trust's CAD system did not have a designated field for a call taker to collect patient ages.

<18 Mental Health	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Male	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	112
Female	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	226
Unknown	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	16
Totals	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	354

Age	Count
1	*
2	*
3	*

5	*
6	*
7	*
8	*
9	*
10	*
11	*
12	20
13	16
14	64
15	47
16	70
17	87

*As this number is less than 10 we are unable to provide an exact figure as this could be identifiable to individuals

**2) How many of the calls over the last five years (stated above) resulted in admissions?
Please break this down by year.**

Please see table below:

<18 Mental Health	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
Conveyed to hospital	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	215

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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