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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/18/02/03.

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

I am completing a project on the pre-hospital management of paracetamol overdose, particularly considering the use of activated charcoal.

Are you able to share any recent clinical audits that your trust has done related to self-harm and/or overdose?

Please find attached snapshot of clinical audit in to Appropriate and Effective use of Activated Charcoal

We have also completed an audit into the categorisation of mental health conditions that we attend but we are unable to share the full audit as it is still in draft form. However, we are able to share the extract below from this draft:

An initial sample of 1371 incidents were identified from FORMIC data where 13 mental health crew condition codes were sampled as follows:

- O 01 - Psychosis or mania
- O 02 - Suicide attempt (survived)
- O 05 - Depression
- O 06 - Suicidal Ideation
- O 07 - Self harm / Neglect
- O 08 - Intentional overdose
- O 09 - Bipolar disorder
- O 10 - Psychosis
- O 12 - Other mental health
- O 13 - Acute behavioural disturbance
- P 00 - Alcohol related callout
- P 01 - Opiates intentional
- P 03 - Paracetamol overdose

The date range for these incidents ran from April 2016 to March 2017. Thirty-one incidents were removed. This was due to no patient care record being attached (17), no incident number given (1), and duplicate incident number downloaded (13). This snapshot audit was therefore undertaken reviewing 50 of the 1341 incidents which were randomised by crew code for inclusion in this snapshot audit.

Category 1 - Confusion (unspecified aetiology)	3 (6%)
Category 2 - Conveyance only/mental health conveyance	0 (0%)
Category 3 - Erratic behaviour (unspecified aetiology)	1 (2%)
Category 4 - Mental health issues (unspecified)	10 (20%)
Category 5 - Suicidal ideation	4 (8%)
Category 6 - Suicide attempt (not by overdose)	3 (6%)
Category 7 - Suicide attempt by overdose	15 (30%)
Category 8 - Mental health issues (unspecified and alcohol intoxication)	2 (4%)
Category 9 - Psychosis	5 (10%)
Category 10 - Other	7 (14%)
Total	50 (100%)

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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