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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/18/03/06.

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

**I wondering if you are able to provide figures on how your demand over the last five years and how much of this is mental health related. I was wondering if you were also able to provide figures on how many calls for assistance are made by police to you and vice versa.**

Please see table below:

Year	Incidents Attended	Incidents Relating to Mental Health*	Percentage
2013	641093	16427	2.56%
2014	683180	17743	2.60%
2015	690493	20220	2.93%
2016	748082	20310	2.71%
2017	703886	14321	2.03%

\*Please note this includes all incidents attended where the problem nature was one of the following:

- Mental Health
- Mental Health Issues
- Police S.136
- Section 136

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. There may have been other incidents which were mental health related but where a different problem nature has been selected. This may account for the drop in mental health related incidents from 2016 to 2017.

Unfortunately, we do not have information on the number of assistance calls made by police to SECAMB or vice-versa.

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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