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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/18/03/13.

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

Can you please provide me with district-by-district breakdown showing the number of ambulance call outs in Kent between January 2017 and February 2018 where individuals were found to have taken, or were believed to have taken, Synthetic cannabinoids/Synthetic cannabinoid agonists/Synthetic cannabinoid receptor agonists, known variously as Spice, Black Mamba or K2.

There were 37 incidents which a response was sent to with 'synthetic cannabinoids' 'spice' 'black mamba' or 'K2' in the free text during the above period stated.

We are unable to break this down by town as it may be identifiable to individuals and is therefore exempt under Section 40 (2) Data Protection

Please note this may not be a true reflection of calls as there may be cases where this term is mentioned within the text but does not relate to the incident itself and may relate to something else i.e. patient's medical history

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

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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