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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/18/03/28.

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

1. Do the Ambulance Service have national incident recording standards? If so, where would I find these?

The national incident recording standards (Ambulance Quality Indicators) can be found on the NHS England website, link below:

<https://www.england.nhs.uk/statistics/statistical-work-areas/ambulance-quality-indicators/>

2. Are 'self-harm' incidents recorded separately as 'wounding incidents' or 'self-harm' incidents or do they fall within the 'mental health' incidents?

We do not have a problem nature specifically for self-harm. Therefore, self-harm incidents could potentially be categorised as one of the following (this list is not exhaustive): mental health, mental health issues, limb/pain injury, overdose, trauma, bleeding etc

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.

3. If they fall within separate categories, are you able to provide data for these over the last 5 years?

As advised in question 2 because self-harm incidents could be categorised across many different problems natures, it would be impossible to give meaningful figures.

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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