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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/18/07/20.

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

The total number of "serious incidents" involving ambulances, broken down by every type of "serious incident" registered and year it occurred.

Please provide me with data for three years, starting from the financial year 2017/18 and working backwards.

Serious Incidents: events in health care where the potential for learning is so great, or the consequences to patients, families and carers, staff or organisations are so significant, that they warrant using additional resources to mount a comprehensive response. Serious Incidents include an act or omission that results in; unexpected or avoidable death, unexpected or avoidable injury resulting in serious harm (including those where the injury required treatment to prevent death or serious harm).

Please note that the raising of a Serious Incident does not in itself indicate harm. We encourage staff to report all incidents, whether they result in harm or not. This helps ensure that we learn from the outcomes of a thorough investigation.

Please see table below:

Year	Road Traffic Collision	Equipment	Delayed Conveyance	Fire
2015/16	0	0	0	0
2016/17	3	1	1	0
2017/18	1	1	0	1

Please note the data above relates to serious incidents involving ambulances and is **not** the total number of serious incidents.

The total number of serious incidents can be seen on a previous FOI (180507) via the following link:
http://www.secamb.nhs.uk/contact_us/freedom_of_information_request/foi_disclosure_log.aspx?cat=415&pageNum=12

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 Lead via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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