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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/18/11/10.

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

Please could I request the following information via an FOI with figures just from Kent:

From the last 5 years up until latest date:

The number of drug abuse related call outs in Kent?

Please see table below:

| Year | Total |
|-------|-------|
| 2014 | 2205 |
| 2015 | 1918 |
| 2016 | 2130 |
| 2017 | 1483 |
| 2018* | 1261 |

*The data for 2018 is up to and including 31st October 2018

This data has been obtained using a free text search for 'overdose'. 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. There may also be cases where this has not been mentioned on the initial call and is therefore not documented within the notes.

The number of these call which relates to synthetic cannabinoids (Spice)?

Breakdown of town/location in Kent where these incidents occurred. If this could be arranged into separate tables for each year that'd be great!

Please see table below. We are unable to break this down by town as it could be identifiable to individuals and is therefore exempt under Section 40 (2) – Data Protection.

| Year | Total |
|------|-------|
| 2014 | 0 |

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|--------------|---------------|
| 2015 | 0 |
| 2016 | *Less than 10 |
| 2017 | *Less than 10 |
| 2018* | *Less than 10 |

*As this figure is less than 10 we are unable to provide the exact number as it may be identifiable to individuals

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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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