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Email:

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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/18/11/28.

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

1) How many 'bagging' or 'dinking' instances your ambulance service has seen for children (under 18's) in the past five years. (This often relates to gang-linked violence, whereby a victim is intentionally stabbed/maimed/assaulted in the rectum or groin area to keep them off the streets.)

We do not have a specific way of recording these types of incidents should they arise. We have done a free text search for 'bagging' and 'dinking' which has returned no results. Please note this may not be a true reflection of calls as there may be cases where these terms have not been mentioned on the initial call and is therefore not documented within the notes.

2) I would also like to know how many children you treated were male/female/transgender.
N/A

3) Please also explain what 'weapons' were used to assault the child. I would like this information presented in a general list form.

Please present all this information simply and clearly, for example:

2013: XXX instances involving children. XXX children were male. XXX children were female. XXX children were transgender. 'Weapons' used include knives, screwdrivers and spoons.

N/A

Sorry I cannot be of further 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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