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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/18/11/49.

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

**Timeframe Jan 2017 to date**

**how many peak flow assessments are performed and how many calls attended by ambulance/RRV involve asthma or shortness of breath.**

As all PCR's are scanned and only certain fields are validated please be advised that the information below may not be completely accurate.

There were 31296 incidents attended from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2-17 – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018 which contained condition codes on the Patient Clinical Record (PCR) relating to breathing difficulties and asthma.

There were 383742\* peak flow assessments recorded on PCR's for the same time period.

\*We have validated a small number of the PCRs and found that the data is very unreliable due to coming from a scanned field. We have attempted to narrow down the list by filtering out erroneous data but we have found that even then, the data is unreliable.

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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