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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/18/12/32.

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

**the number of patients you treated who had been stabbed who were under the age of 18 in 2016, 2017 and 2018?**

Please note that prior to the implementation of the Ambulance Response Programme (ARP) we didn't accurately capture patient ages and can only view for patients under 19 years. For more information on ARP please visit the following website: <https://www.england.nhs.uk/urgent-emergency-care/arp/>

Year	Total under 19 years	Total under 18 years
2018	52	84*
2017**	22	N/A
2016**	0	N/A

\*Please note this information is taken from the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system and therefore will include duplicate calls, hoax calls, calls for information only etc

This data has been obtained using the following problem natures:

- Stabbing
- Stabbing (Central)
- Stabbing (Peripheral)

\*\*Prior to the introduction of ARP, we only had a problem nature for 'shot/stabbing' so we are unable to differentiate how many of these related solely to stabbings or knife attacks

*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.*

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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