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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/19/10/20.

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

**SECamb cover the Kent area and more specifically the area of Canterbury, Dover, Folkestone & Hythe and Thanet.**

**This request is for these four council areas only.**

### **The Request**

**Please provide me with**

- **The number of people identified as suffering from Carbon Monoxide poisoning who were taken to the William Harvey Hospital, Kent & Canterbury or Queen Elizabeth Queen Mary hospitals for the period April 1st 2015 to present, who live in the four council areas as per above.**

Please be advised the following information was obtained from data where the term "Carbon Monoxide" was identified in scanned freetext fields. Please treat values with caution due to free-typing errors.

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.

Please note we do not have a hospital called 'Queen Elizabeth Queen Mary' and have therefore given results to include 'Queen Elizabeth Queen Mother' instead.

There have been 10 incidents which fit the criteria above during the specified timeframe up to and including 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**Please provide this information MS Excel spreadsheet format giving breakdown by month if possible, then if not by year.**

We are unable to break this down by month or year as the figures are low and it could be identifiable to individuals and is therefore exempt under Section 40 (2) – Data Protection

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, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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