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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/19/11/48.

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

1) Can you tell me how many suicides of members of staff there have been in your ambulance service in the following calendar years:

- a. 2015**
- b. 2016**
- c. 2017**
- d. 2018**
- e. 2019 to date**

For the sake of clarity this includes suicides both at work and not at work.

The Trust does not hold the information requested, as any such incident would be recorded simply as death in service. There have been less than 10* 'Death in Service' recorded in the time frame specified.

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

2) For the answers to Q1a-e can you please tell me if there is any record of any of the individuals:

- a. Requesting therapy/counselling from the ambulance service**
- b. Receiving therapy counselling from the ambulance service**

This is exempt under Section 41 – Information Provided in Confidence

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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