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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/19/11/03.

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

Please could you supply me with postcode districts (just the first part of a postcode) for every incident your ambulance service has attended to that have been classed as a stabbing (knife or any other object used as a weapon) from January 1 2016 until 31 December 2018.

- No need to break down the numbers. You can club it all together without any date, month or year information.

Please see attached spreadsheet. Please note we have not provided exact numbers for any figures less than 10 as it may be identifiable to individuals

- Please could you also remove all self-harm (including suicides), domestic violence and workplace accidents?

We are not able to identify domestic violence, self-harm or workplace accidents. To extract this information would mean going through each individual record and exceed 18 hours and would therefore fall under Section 12- FOI (Appropriate limit and fees) Regulations 2004

- Would really appreciate this data in CSV or XLS format, if it were possible.

I'd earlier sent a similar request, but I did not make a request to exclude self-harm and domestic violence unfortunately.

This information has been obtained using the following problem/natures:

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

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, Head of Information Governance via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

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