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Dear,

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I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/19/12/03.

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

Would you be able to tell me the number of South East Coast Ambulance Service paramedics assaulted while on duty over the past three years in Kent? If so, please provide a breakdown of the assaults in 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 (so far).

We are only able to break down by the base location of the crews who were victims of assault. However, we cannot confirm that the location where the assault took place was in Kent.

Please see table below:

Financial Year	Total Incidents*
2016/17	81
2017/18	78
2018/19	86

*We cannot breakdown how many victims of assault as we only record incidents.

Would you also be able to tell me the number of South East Coast Ambulance Service paramedics assaulted while on duty over the past three years in Maidstone? If so, please provide a breakdown of the assaults in 2016/2017, 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 (so far).

We are unable to break down the data for this. As above we can only break down by County where crews are based and so it would not be possible to tell which crews from which stations may or may not have attended the Maidstone area.

Our Trust views violence and aggression against its staff very seriously. Our Trust lead on Security actively encourages staff to report incidents and supports those who wish to pursue a prosecution to seek redress against those who commit such acts.

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

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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