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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/20/01/03.

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

I wanted to submit a freedom of information request about the use of Naloxone over its administration by paramedics in the last 5 years. Please also break down:

Gender – See tables below

Age group (in 5 year brackets, i.e.16-21, 22-27) – See tables below

And where possible please indicate the type of opioid thought to have been used. We do not hold this information

Please see tables below:

Due to different informatic systems being in use since May 2019, the data was recorded and stored differently. Table 1 & 2 provides values up to and including December 2019

Table 1

		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Age Group	Neonate	0	0	0	0	0
	Toddler	*Less than 10	*Less than 10	*Less than 10	*Less than 10	0
	Child	*Less than 10	*Less than 10	*Less than 10	*Less than 10	*Less than 10
	Adult	989	928	817	797	445
	Unknown	80	73	70	58	22
Gender	Nos of Males	641	594	537	472	289
	Nos of Females	360	343	284	328	178
	Unknown	80	73	70	59	*Less than 10

Adult 16 years +
 Child (age 5 - 16 years),
 Toddler (age 1 - 5 years) and
 Neonate and Infant (age birth - 1 year)

Table 2

Age Group	0-4	*Less than 10
	5-9 y	0
	10-14 y	0
	15-19	*Less than 10
	20-24	13
	25-29	17
	30-34	24
	35-39	25
	40-44	26
	45-49	23
	50-54	16
	55-59	14
	60-64	*Less than 10
	65-69	*Less than 10
	70-74	*Less than 10
	75-79	*Less than 10
	80-84	*Less than 10
	85-89	*Less than 10
	90-94	*Less than 10
	95-99	0
	Unknown	34
Gender	Nos of Males	117
	Nos of Females	68
	Unknown	37

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

The drug code (which was used to locate administrations of Naloxone) was identified in scanned freetext fields. Please treat values with caution due to inaccuracies associated with OCR (Optical character recognition).

Also, this may not be the reason for the call and not all drug overdose cases may be identified if this has not been recorded.

Also please breakdown which area of your patch it has most been prevalently used.

It is most used in Kent

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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