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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 200506.

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

**Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please can you provide me with information for each day inclusive of the period between 1st March to Sunday 30th April?**

**a) The number of patients with suspected or known cardiac arrests?**

Please find attached FOI data sheet.

For (a) please note the following:

- The conditions: "Cardiac / Respiratory Arrest" and "Arrest / Peri Arrest" were used to identify suspected cardiac arrests.
- Please note that we are unable to distinguish between a cardiac arrest or a respiratory arrest.
- Values provided are based on the number of incidents, not the number of patients.
- Please treat all values with caution, as this may not always be what was identified when crew arrived at scene.

**b) The number numbers of people who had a cardiac arrest while awaiting an ambulance?**

We are not able to provide data on those who suffered a cardiac arrest in the time between them calling for help and an ambulance arriving on scene, this information is recorded but it would take in excess of 18 hours to collate.

**c) The number of people who died after the cardiac arrest while awaiting an ambulance?**

We are not able to provide data on those who suffered a cardiac arrest and subsequently died in the time between them calling for help and an ambulance arriving on scene, this information is recorded but it would take in excess of 18 hours to collate.

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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