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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 200507.

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

I am currently creating a presentation for one of my assignments on the management of medical emergencies and have chosen the subject of diabetic ketoacidosis (DKA).

- 1. I was wondering if I would be able to get some statistics on attendance of diabetic related calls either local or nationally. Ideally if I could get statistics on DKA that would be great, but I acknowledge that this maybe a little too specific. I am unsure what kind of information you are able to provide but if I could also have some statistics for hospitalisation vs treat and refer in regard to diabetes that would be great.**

| Total diabetic-related inc | Nos of diabetic See & Treat inc | Nos of DKA See & Treat inc | Nos of diabetic See & Convey inc | Nos of DKA See & Convey inc |
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| 3311 | 1479 | <10 | 1832 | 88 |

- Values provided are from 1st Jan 2019 to 31st Dec 2019.
- The crew condition code (which was used to locate actual or suspected DKA incidents) was identified in scanned free text 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 DKA cases may be identified if this has not been recorded.

- Please note, the condition ID was used to locate diabetic-related incidents, and this may not be the reason for the call and not all diabetic-related cases may be identified if this has not been recorded.
- Please note that for figures that are less than 10 we are unable to provide the exact number as it may be identifiable to individuals.

2. I was also wondering why crews don't carry the equipment to test ketone levels. I understand the new kits indicate if ketones are present however does not give a reading.

The plan to roll out Ketone monitoring was always a staggered approach, the introduction of a Personal Issue Assessment Kit for all staff delayed the introduction due to a change in the meter used. Phase 2 is due to start soon. Once this is complete, we will look to introduce Ketone monitoring to our frontline clinicians.

Ketone monitoring will be rolled out once we have completed the initial roll out.

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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