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Email:

Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI 200628.

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

I am conducting a research project investigating the impact of defibrillation in out of hospital cardiac arrest and would be grateful if you could release some data to support this research.

For the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 (January to December), would it be possible to provide me with the following:

- 1. The number of cardiac arrest patients attended by your service for each year**

And for each incidence of cardiac arrest:

- 2. The initial ECG rhythm recorded for each patient**
- 3. The time of the first defibrillation shock administered to each patient (if any)**
- 4. The number of subsequent shocks administered to each patient (if any)**
- 5. Whether ROSC was achieved and documented on the paperwork**
- 6. Whether ROSC is documented as being sustained until arrival at the receiving hospital**
- 7. If possible and recorded on the PRF the aetiology of the cardiac arrest.**
- 8. The time of cardiac arrest recorded on the patient's clinical record**

I appreciate this will likely equal to a considerable amount of information, points one to five are the most important for this research but it would be greatly appreciated if the remaining points could be included to support analysis of subgroups within the study.

Please find attached data that has been collated for this request.

We have provided the data by month, where available, up until March 2020, due to the lack of clarity over financial or calendar years being required. For the shock data, we have pulled a list of total shocks administered, where recorded, per month.

Question 8 would exceed the 18-hour timeframe to collate, as we do not record this data, and 3 is irrelevant without data for 8.

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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