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Request:

Under the FOA I would like to request the following information:

1. *During the years, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 how many suicides did the fire service attend and have to deal with?*
2. *How many members of staff were off due to stress during those same years after having to attend such calls.*

Response:

Please see the answers to each question in turn below:

1. *During the years, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 how many suicides did the fire service attend and have to deal with?*

The table below summarises the number of incidents relating to suicides that LFB have attended over calendar years 2018 to 2022.

Number of incidents attended Special Service Type	Calendar Year				
	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Suicide	35	40	41	50	49
Threat of/attempted suicide	207	210	201	245	317
Grand Total	242	250	242	295	366

2. *How many members of staff were off due to stress during those same years after having to attend such calls.*

The following figures are based on staff listed as attending an incident who later in that year has at least one period of sickness due to Stress, Anxiety & Depression.

As the data has not been collected for the purpose you have described in your question. This does not imply that the sickness was a direct consequence of attending a suicide related incident.

Year	Staff with SAD following incident
2018	36
2019	55
2020	28
2021	53
2022	77

I hope you find this information of use. Should you have any further questions please do let me know.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request [on our website](#)