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Dear Kirsty

In Plenary on 19 January 2015, I promised to provide further information on the Emergency Medical Retrieval and Transfer Service (EMRTS) Cymru.

All emergency 999 calls are reviewed by the Air Support Desk that forms part of the Clinical Contact Centres operated by WAST. Over the six month period to 31 October 2015, the Air Support Desk initially considered that a response by the EMRTS team was necessary in 915 reported incidents. This generated 634 patient contacts and the difference is due to a variety of factors such as a change in the patient condition and adverse weather conditions.

A breakdown of the 634 cases by medical intervention is shown in the table attached.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vaughan Gething".

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Medical Intervention	Number of Cases	%
Road Accident Trauma	145	22.9%
Cardiac Arrest	107	16.9%
Trauma - Falls	75	11.8%
Trauma - Other	75	11.8%
Medical - Heart	47	7.4%
Secondary Transfer	47	7.4%
Medical - Unconscious	42	6.6%
Medical - Other	36	5.7%
Medical - Fitting	16	2.5%
Trauma - Assault	13	2.1%
Trauma - Burns	13	2.1%
Medical - Breathing Problems	12	1.9%
Neonatal/Maternity	6	0.9%