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### Freedom of Information Act Request – ID3614

Dear Mr Jones,

Thank you for your email of 07/01/2020, requesting a list of the number of incidents that each Coastguard Rescue Team (CRT) attended in 2020. You also asked that if any team attended no incidents, whether this was normal for the team or teams concerned.

I have included an Excel spreadsheet with this letter, containing the information you have requested. When using this data, you should be aware of the following limitations:

1. We need to count the number of 'taskings' for each team rather than the number of incidents. This is because multiple CRTs might be tasked to attend a single incident. Due to this, adding the figures together would not give you the number of incidents HMCG attended during 2020.
2. Each CRT has a single call sign and ALIAS within the Coastguard computer platform we use, but there are situations where only half a team may be sent to an incident because full attendance is not required. There might be a situation where the Maritime Operator decides to task the remaining team members to another incident, but because the ALIAS and call sign are already in use the operator will 'spawn' a new temporary team identity to send. Unfortunately, there is no way to add these temporarily spawned teams into the figures we have provided because there is no connection from the temporarily spawned team to the original team identity recorded in our computer system.
3. The taskings in the figures provided were counted as individual taskings; if a team was stood down and tasked to the same incident again, this is not reflected in the figures. Equally if only half of a team was tasked to an incident, then the rest of the team was later tasked to the same incident, this only shows in the provided figures as that team being tasked once to that incident.

You will notice in the provided figures that there were no teams that were tasked zero times.

This concludes our response to your request. If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you may contact us within two calendar months to request an internal review by an officer who was not involved in the original response. Please write to the FOIA Unit at:

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Bay 3/08, Spring Place,

105, Commercial Rd,  
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For the duration of the COVID-19 lockdown, please use E-mail: [InformationAssurance@mcga.gov.uk](mailto:InformationAssurance@mcga.gov.uk). Please remember to explain the reasons for your dissatisfaction and quote the reference number above in any future communications.

In the event that you are not satisfied with the decision resulting from our internal review you can apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision notice. The Information Commissioner's offices are currently closed due to the COVID-19 situation, and the following link contains information on how you should proceed: [Link to ICO information](#).

Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,  
Mr Andy Cooper BACS Hons.