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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Request

If available, please provide for me statistics for either the calendar or financial years from 2020 to 2025 (or 2020/1 to 2025/6, or as much as available for the latter).

Across the entire Trust, how many people have been treated for injuries in A&E where they have been recorded as having been involved in a collision with an e-bike (of any kind)?

If at all possible, can you say whether they were pedestrians or fellow cyclists?

I am particularly interested in the former.

Please include the patient's age, sex and whether they have any recorded disability.

Can you please break the above down for each hospital within your Trust, including -if possible - the date of admission and discharge.

Please include the severity of the injury (ie lower/upper limb fracture/concussion). If available, please include how many - if any - of these culminated in a fatality. If available, please include what type of e-bike was involved.

I understand some notes have stated whether a "Lime", "Forest", "Human Forest" or "Tier" were involved.

If possible, please state whether the bike was moving or stationary. On some occasions, vulnerable pedestrians, such as the blind or elderly, have tripped over badly parked e-bikes.

To be able to identify such incidents would be very useful. If there are any other details that you could include, such as a short description of any notes (without obviously revealing the injured parties identities) I would be very grateful.

I totally understand that some information may be readily available, while other elements may prove more difficult.

Essentially, I'm trying to establish how common (or not) it is for pedestrians to be injured by e-bikes. So, mere numbers will be a big help. However, the more detail you can share will help me build a more accurate picture.

Response

A patient's presenting condition is noted in a free text field when they come into A&E, but how the patient came about their injuries may not be recorded, for example it may not say the accident was by ebike or if the patient was a pedestrian.

A search of the free text field was done using ebike, Lime, Forest, Human Forest and Tier but the figures brought back were low, less than 5 so the Trust is not providing the figure, Exemption Section 40(2) of the Act is applied. Please note as per comments above, how the injury occurred may not be recorded so any figures may not a true reflection of the numbers.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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