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Dear ,

The trust acknowledges receipt of your Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) request, referenced above. Please ensure you quote this number in any future correspondence.

FOI Request

You asked us:

We are looking into the rise of potholes on the UK roads, and if there is an impact on the safety of cyclists.

Please can you answer the following questions:

For the years 2022, 2023 and 2024, can you tell us the number of patients admitted to A&E for treatment as a result of an accident while riding a bike?

For the years 2022, 2023 and 2024, can you tell us the number of patients admitted to A&E for treatment as a result of an cycling accident caused by a pothole.

For the years 2022, 2023 and 2024, can you tell us the number of patients who needed to remain overnight in hospital for treatment, after being assessed and treated by A&E as a result of an accident caused by a pothole?

For the years 2022, 2023 and 2024, can you tell us the number of fatalities of patients, seen by your A&E teams, as a result of cyclists having an accident relating to a pothole?

Formal Response

The Trust confirms it holds part of the information you have requested.



Year	Q1, Count of bike accidents	Q2, Count of bike accidents involving pothole	Q4, Fatalities involving potholes
2022	259	Less than 10	0
2023	240	Less than 10	0
2024	296	Less than 10	0

Date range: 01/01/2022 - 31/12/2024

Search of electronic patient clinical records where the term 'bike', 'bicycle', or 'pushbike' appeared in the notes and a patient was transported to hospital. It is not possible to answer Q3 as we do not hold this information.

* Data blurring at less-than-10: The Trust can confirm that this information exists. However, where an output represents fewer than 10 individuals or incidents in the period requested, we have not provided exact figures. This practice is known as data blurring, which serves to mitigate against the risk of possible re-identification of individual data subjects via data recombination (sometimes referred to as jigsawing). This risk is assessed in accordance with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) *Anonymisation Code of Practice*, in relation to Section 40(2) of the FOIA 2000

Next steps

We publish a variety of information which may assist future enquiries relating to our service on our website – www.secamb.nhs.uk.

Should you be dissatisfied with our response then in the first instance please contact Richard Banks, Head of Corporate Governance, via the following email address: FOI@secamb.nhs.uk

You can ask us to review our original response. If you would like us to carry out an internal review, please let us know within 40 working days of you receiving our original response. This review will be conducted by an individual who was not directly involved in reviewing the original response, ordinarily, the Trust Data Protection Officer. We will endeavour to complete this request within 20 working days.

Should you remain dissatisfied then you can contact the [Information Commissioner's Office](https://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints) (ICO). Complaints to the ICO should be made within six weeks of receiving the outcome of an internal review. The easiest way to lodge a complaint is through their website: www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints.

Alternatively, the ICO's postal address is:
Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Coordinator

South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust



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