

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 25-424

17th June 2025

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

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?

2022: 310

2023: 232

2024: 277

Please note, these figures have been provided using free text fields, where the presenting complaint contains the keywords "Bike" or "Bicycle". This does not include any patients who had their presenting complaint recorded as "leg injury" without mention of a bike - even if they were riding one.

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.

Please note, the Trust does not hold the data in a format that would enable us to fully respond to your request to the level of detail required and a manual trawl for this information would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOIA provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty-day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.

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?

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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?

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This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Data Protection Officer
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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