

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference Fol/20/111

Car Related Incidents

Request details

Under the freedom of information act, I would like to know the following. Please break down the figures by year, for the past 3 years (2017, then 2018, then 2019).

1. How many people have been treated for car-related incidents in the past 3 years in your area?

Road Traffic Accidents in EU 2017-2019

No of Visits	2017	2018	2019	Total
RTA	3,187	3,009	3,401	9,597

2. What is the number of people that suffered from whiplash due to car incidents over the past 3 years in your area?

In completing a search for the information requested, Cardiff and Vale University Health Board (the UHB) has confirmed that this information is not centrally recorded or collated. To retrieve the information requested would require a manual search through individual patient records and the UHB considers that this would exceed the limit set within regulations for responding to a request. The UHB has therefore relied upon the Section 12 exemption ('Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit') of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and is refusing your request.

The UHB has estimated that to complete the work needed to respond to this request would exceed the time limit as set within regulations to respond to a Freedom of Information Act request. Under the Act there is an allowance of two and a half days, or 18 hours, to comply with a request and the cost limit set within the fees regulations for this amount of work (18 hours) is £450 for the UHB. The fees regulations specify that the cost of complying with a request must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour.

3. What has been the cost of physio for car related incidents over the last 3 years in your area?

The UHB does not hold this information.

4. What has been the cost of other medical services relating to car related incidents over the last 3 years in your area?

The UHB does not hold this information.

5. What was the overall cost of accidents by your local NHS emergency services in the last 3 years?

The UHB does not hold this information. To comply with our Section 16 obligation, the duty to provide advice and assistance, the UHB would like to advise you that Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust (WAST) *may* hold some information in relation to costs to emergency services. Information can be requested from WAST via the following link:

<https://www.ambulance.wales.nhs.uk/Default.aspx?pageId=19&lan=en>