

Freedom of Information Act 2000 - Request Reference FoI/23/292
Accidents Involving E-Scooters

Information Requested:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, can your health authority reveal the annual number of admissions to all of the hospitals in the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board area from 2020 to 2022 as a result of the following:

1. Used an e-scooter when they got involved in an accident which directly lead to an injury
2. Did not use an e-scooter but got injured as a result of being hit by an e-scooter

If so, please can you break down the data to include age range, gender and locations of admissions?

Response Details

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 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.

Under our Section 16 obligation, the duty to provide advice and assistance I can advise that the UHB cannot differentiate specific E-Scooter related injuries, within admissions, from other types of transports such as electric wheelchairs and mobility scooters.