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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

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:

1. **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	575
2023	646
2024	659

2. **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.**

[We do not hold this information broken down to this level as we do not collect data on potholes.](#)

3. **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?**

[Please see response to Q2.](#)

4. **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?**

[Please see response to Q2.](#)

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If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Yours sincerely

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