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Request:

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Could I please submit the following Freedom of Information request:

On 29 March, 2010, a new bus lane was opened, running westbound along Theobald's Road, Vernon Place, Bloomsbury Way, and New Oxford Street. Could you please provide, since that date:

- a) The number of times that ambulances have been called to respond to incidents involving collisions on the newly-opened westbound bus lane (including all collisions involving any vehicles, cyclists, and pedestrians);

- b) The number of individuals involved in these collisions (broken-down by pedestrians, car drivers/passengers, bus drivers/passengers, cyclists).

Thank you,



Response:

Responded: 16/06/2010

Dear

Thank you for your request for information, placed under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

Please see attachment. We have used search criteria between the date range 29 March – 14 July using the recorded chief complaint of 'TRAFFIC/TRANSPORTATION ACCIDENTS'. Please note that this may not be exclusively reliable as much depends on the subjective recording of the categorisation by the ambulance staff involved. To illustrate the point, in this way, many alcohol-related incidents do not reflect this causation but the nature of the patient injury. Similarly, please further note that we have used a text search of the location/address fields using the road names you provided. It is however problematic to pinpoint incidents that occurred specifically within the bus lane unless this was specifically mentioned/recorded at the 999 call stage. Inclusion of a search using 'Bus' and 'WC1' in the address field did not indicate any results.

Unfortunately we do not hold any information about the number of individuals involved in these incidents; we could only do so by manually researching the individual assessment records completed by the staff involved.

I should also make it clear that this should not be taken to represent an exceptional amount of incidents given the many hundreds of traffic collisions etc that we attend pan-London.

I do however hope this information will be of assistance.

Yours sincerely

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Attachment:

Traffic/Transportation Accidents - 29/03/10 onwards

Date	Address	Illness	Illness
31/03/2 010	BLOOMSBURY WAY, WC1A	RTA BUS V PED, 1 X MALE , UNCONS , BREATHING, BLEEDING FROM NOSE, EYES	PAIN ON COLLAR BONE - 15 MPH COLLISION ***NOW SEMI CONS,
01/04/2 010	BLOOMSBURY WAY @ VERNON PLACE, WC1A	SOMEONE OPENED CAR DOOR WHICH KNOCKED A PERSON OFF A MOTORBIKE, FOOT	IN A BAD WAY, BLEEDING NFDA AS CALLER HAS LEFT SCENE
23/04/2 010	MUSEUM STREET @ NEW OXFORD STREET, WC1A	RTC BICYCLE V PED	
02/05/2 010	NEW OXFORD STREET @ HIGH HOLBORN, WC1V	RTC CALLER SAYS A F PED HAS BEEN HIT BY A CAR	VEH VS VEH VS PED
05/05/2 010	BURNLEY WILSON & FISH 1 BLOOMSBURY SQUARE, WC1A 2RL	RTC BUS VS PED, PED UNDER REAR END OF BUS	NFDA
18/05/2 010	VERNON PLACE @ SOUTHAMPTON ROW, WC1A	CAR V MOTORBIKE ONE PAT INJ, NFDA	
29/05/2 010	NEW OXFORD STREET, WC1A	RTC - CAR V TAXI	NO OBVIOUS INJ - PAT ALERT -
03/06/2 010	SOUTHAMPTON ROW @ VERNON PLACE, WC1A	CYCLIST INTO OPEN TAXI DOOR	SHOULDER AND LEFT RIB INJ