



**Scottish
Ambulance
Service**

University National NHS Board



Freedom of Information Request

24th June 2024

Question

I am making the below request under the above act for information relating to the below. Please breakdown figures by financial or calendar year (i.e 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23, 2023/24)

1. The number of reported collections at the 7stanes mountain biking locations (as noted below). Please break down numbers against site for each year (i.e collection number for Glentress were X during 2020/21) • Dalbeattie, near Dumfries • Forest of Ae, near Dumfries • Glentress, near Peebles • Glentrool, in Galloway • Innerleithen, near Peebles • Kirroughtree, in Galloway • Mabie, near Dumfries • Newcastleton, in the Borders
2. The severity of the injuries of the patients collected at the above sites.

Answer

Public authorities are not required to create information in order to answer a request. There's a distinction between creating new information, and compiling information. Where a request can be answered by compiling information from readily-available resources held by the public authority, this is not the same as creating new information. However, if collation of the information would require skill and complex judgement, the information is not held.

In the case of data about specific locations we are unable to produce this information without complex skill and judgement. This is because, although we hold information about incidents at specific locations we would only report these at a postcode level in order to ensure incidents do not become identifiable, to report this at an individual address level we would be required to apply complex judgement. The reason for this is that there are multiple addresses within a postcode, there is also the potential for an incident to occur outside a premise and therefore not be attributed to a specific address. It is for this reason that we have applied the exemption Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Scotland Act 2002 as information not held.