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Re Official Information Act Request – e-scooter event admissions to Auckland DHB

I refer to your Official Information Act request of 4 February 2019 for the following information for the period from 24 October 2018:

- 1. The number of admissions from incidents on e-scooters, in particular Lime scooters.
- 2. The number of presentation from incidents on e-scooters, in particular Lime scooters.
- 3. The amount of bed space patients have used from incidents on e-scooters, in particular Lime scooters.
- 4. The type of injury dealt with i.e. head, hand, broke bones, life threatening etc, from incidents on e-scooters, in particular Lime scooters.
- 5. Causation factors of injuries if know.
- 6. The person injured was a rider or a pedestrian if known.
- 7. The estimate cost to treat the injuries if known.
- 8. Any commentary from the staff that would assist.

A full review of injuries related to e-scooters would require a review of clinical notes for all patients presenting with trauma. For the period referred to in your request, three months from 24 October 2018, there were approximately 4500 trauma presentations for the period. Narrowing them down to exact details of e-scooter-related events would require considerable time and effort.

While not a comprehensive summary, injuries relating to e-scooter events recorded informally by clinical staff are as follows:

Auckland DHB informal record of injuries related to e-scooters per month October 2018 to February 2019

Date 2018/2019	Number of injuries
October	19
November	47
December	52
January	41
February	27
Total	139

The majority of injuries are fractures in the limbs and some head and chest injuries. We have not audited this record for accuracy.

You are entitled under the Official Information Act to seek a review of this response. Information about how to make a complaint is available at www.ombudsman.parliament.nz or freephone 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, or an edited version of this response, may be published on the Auckland DHB website.

Yours faithfully

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Chief Executive