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Reporter
The Post Newspaper
18 Bowen Street
Waiuku

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Official Information Act (1982) Request

I write in response to your Official Information Act Request, which we received 05 July 2018. You requested the following information:

1. **Approximately how many motorcyclist accident patients Middlemore treats** (*whatever period of stats you have for this would be helpful, e.g. per month or year etc.*)

Over the last 18 months, Middlemore Hospital has had an average of 26 people admitted per month after being injured in motorcycle accidents.

This does not include people seen and treated in the Emergency Care, who are not admitted, or those who sought treatment at Accident and Medical Centres or General Practices. ACC will hold more comprehensive information as to accident injury claims.

2. **What are the most common injuries you treat for motorcyclists involved in accidents** (*I don't need stats on this point, just type of injuries*)

The top 5 most common injuries coded in relation to these admissions in the last 18 months are:

- abrasion of lower leg,
- open wound of knee,
- fracture of metatarsal (foot) bone,
- abrasion of shoulder and upper arm, and
- fracture of shaft of clavicle bone

This information provided is based on the questions asked, and is covered by the Privacy Act and CM Health policy. If the intended use of this data or the audience changes, please contact the DHB.

We note that in your initial request to us, you also sought details of an accident on 22 June 2018 between a vehicle and motorcyclist from us; including requesting details of the injured person, contact details, current location and seeking our assistance to gain consent for an interview with the patient.

Please be aware that the DHB does not broker contact for media outlets with patients, nor will we release information that will identify individuals, to protect the privacy of that individual.

I trust this information satisfactorily answers your query. If you are not satisfied with this response you are entitled to seek a review of the response by the Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act.

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

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'GJ', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Gloria Johnson
Chief Executive (Acting)