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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/03042

I write in connection with your request for information received on 7th May. I note you seek access to the following information:

I am getting in touch as I wanted to request data showing the number of road accidents that involved cyclists in Bedfordshire county. If possible, I'd like to see the number of road accidents involving cyclists for the past five years, but I understand this might not be possible so data for 2018 will be also very much appreciated.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore, in the public domain without caveat.

RESPONSE - Following enquiries conducted by Bedfordshire Police and the Cameras, Tickets & Collisions Unit please see our response below: -

Total Injury Collisions involving Pedal Cycles - Bedfordshire		
Year	2017	2018
Count	179	156

The current system (started April 2016) records details of road traffic collisions involving human death or personal injury which occurred on the public highway which were reported to the Police within 30 days of occurrence, and in which one or more vehicles are involved, in accordance with Department for Transport STATS 20 instructions.

For more details visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/road-accidents-and-safety-statistics-guidance>

The data above should be regarded as unverified. The Department for Transport will be releasing the verified 2018 data in the next few months. The verified 2017 data is already available on their website.

The numerical data presented in this response is an un-audited snapshot of un-published data sourced from "live" systems and is subject to the interpretation of the original request by the individual extracting the data.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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Bedfordshire Police provides you the right to request an independent review of this response under its review procedure. If you require such a review you must notify us within two months from the date of this letter. After lodging a complaint with Bedfordshire Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner. For information on how to make a complaint please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or contact them on 0303 123 1113.