

ATISN 14330



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

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Dear

ATISN 14330 – Health impacts on road users from mobile phone masts

I wrote to you on 29 September regarding your request for information. You asked:

- 1. Were Welsh Ministers or their officials aware of the potential impact on road users of the exposure to electromagnetic radiation from mobile phone masts being erected alongside trunk roads and motorways in Wales?*
- 2. Were any risk assessments in relation to the health impacts on road users from mobile phone masts undertaken by Welsh Ministers, officials or any other public authority acting on behalf of the Welsh Government, prior to their roll out alongside motorways and other major highways in Wales? If so, you requested a copy of the risk assessment report, please.*
- 3. In evaluating accidents on Welsh motorways and trunk roads how many instances have there been where the cause has been unable to be ascertained?*

The Welsh Government does not hold any information caught by your first two questions. Some information is held for your third question, as provided below.

The Welsh Government does not capture information on all accidents on Welsh motorways and trunk roads. The police recorded personal injury road accident (STATS19) database includes personal injury road accidents on all roads in Wales. Between 2017 and 2019, 2,325 personal injury road accidents were recorded on motorways and trunk roads in Wales. A police officer attended 2,101 of these accidents.

An accident contributory factor can only be recorded when a police officer attends the scene of an accident. Of the 2,101 accidents where a police officer attended the scene on trunk roads and motorways, all accidents were assigned a contributory factor. We do not hold information on the contributory factor for personal injury road accidents where the police did not attend, or for accidents which did not result in personal injury.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at: Information Rights Unit, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales. Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely