

7 November 2023

Dear

ATISN 19090

Thank you for your request which was received on 28 September 2023. You asked for the following information:

1. How many traffic collisions occurred on the roads of Wales between 1 January 2011 and 16 September 2023 inclusive?
2. Of the total number of collisions above, how many resulted in fatalities and what was the total number of fatalities?
3. Out of the total number of collisions resulting in fatalities, how many occurred on roads that were, at the time, subject to a 30mph speed limit and are now subject to a 20mph speed limit?
4. Out of the total number of collisions in the answer to Question 3 above, how many involved vehicles travelling between 21mph and 30mph? (Do not include any collision in this answer where any vehicle involved was exceeding the then 30mph speed limit)

Our responses to your queries are below.

1. We currently hold data on police recorded road collisions up to 31 March 2023. Between 1 January 2011 and 31 March 2023, there were 57,968 police recorded road traffic collisions in Wales.
2. Of these collisions, 1,130 resulted in at least one fatality. A total of 1,213 fatalities were recorded.
3. I have reached the conclusion that it will cost more than the appropriate limit established in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. When calculating whether or not your request exceeds appropriate limit, I am allowed to consider the time it is likely to take to establish if we hold the information, locate the information, retrieve the information and extract it. If these tasks are estimated to take more than 24 hours of working time, the limit will have been exceeded.

You have requested information relating to collisions occurring on roads that were 30mph and are now 20mph. This would require extracting data from the Highway Authorities to identify roads that have a speed limit of 30mph. It would then need to be overlaid with Ordnance Survey Highway data to identify which of these roads are now 20mph. This would then require a detailed level of validation to ensure that no sections of road are included that have not changed speed limit. Once this part is completed, collisions would need to be matched to the roads identified.

It would take in excess of 24 hrs to complete this exercise. Because this exceeds the appropriate limit established in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate limit and Fees) Regulations 2004, I have decided not to process that part of your request.

The Welsh Government does intend to carry out analysis in future on roads that were 30mph and have changed to 20mph. This will be published in due course.

4. We do not hold data on the speed at which vehicles involved in a collision were travelling.

We routinely publish a range of statistics on police recorded road collisions, including the [number of collisions by severity](#), and the [number of casualties](#).

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 e-mail: 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

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: www.ico.org.uk

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely