

14 November 2023

Dear

Complaint in respect of ATISN 19002

Thank you for your request which was received by the Welsh Government on 17 October.

I have considered your complaint in accordance with the procedure outlined in [Requesting information from the Welsh Government](#) which is available by post on request or via the internet.

You requested:

Number of accidents / Fatalities over the last 5 years that have occurred on roads that have been subjected to the 20mpm speed limits introduced across Wales.

Your request was initially misinterpreted as a request for the number of collisions and fatalities that occurred on roads that had a speed limit of 20mph at the time of the collision. As this information is routinely published, a link was provided to where to find this data.

Following the request for the internal review, you provided clarification that you instead meant the number of collisions and fatalities that occurred on roads where there was a 30mph speed limit in place prior to 17 September 2023 and where that speed limit has now changed to 20mph.

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 your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. When calculating whether or not your request exceeds the 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 hours 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.

If you remain dissatisfied with this response you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely

**Chief Statistician
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