



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

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Dear

## Request for Information – ATISN 15634

I wrote to you on the 12 November regarding your request for information regarding the M4 westbound.

### Information Requested

You asked for:

1. Fully detailed reports of any road traffic accidents that occurred on the M4 motorway, west bound, between Junctions J24 and J28 in the last 10 years. Please include your accident investigation findings, and any next steps that were put in place to ensure such an incident never reoccurred.
2. Fully detailed reports of any repairs/maintenance/improvements that were carried out, on the same section of the M4, as a result of your investigation to make this particular section of the M4 motorway safer, in the last 10 years.
3. Full details of any claims/complaints/challenges made to/against “traffic.Wales” regarding the aforementioned section of the M4 motorway, within the last 10 years.

### Our Response

In my letter of the 12 November, I explained that your request for ‘fully detailed reports in the last 10 years’ covers a significant amount of information. I provided you with advice to submit a more focused request to potentially bring it within scope. I also offered to discuss your request with you. As I have not heard anything further from you, I have considered your request as submitted above.

I have concluded that it will still cost more than the appropriate limit set out in the Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 to deal with your request. The appropriate limit specified for central government is £600. This represents the estimated cost of it taking over 24 hours of time to



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determine whether we hold the information and to thereafter locate, retrieve and extract it.

In order to provide you with the information that you have requested, it would require me to retrieve, review and extract the necessary information from over 110,000 results held on our electronic files and additional information held on our paper files. Consequently, I have decided not to provide you with the information you have requested.

Should you wish to submit a further request for information, I would again advise you to consider narrowing its scope by being more specific about what information you particularly wish to obtain. If you do refine your request in this way, this will be treated as a new request.

The offer to discuss your request with an official is still available to you. Should you wish to take up this offer, please e-mail [FOI.EconomyandInfrastructure@gov.wales](mailto:FOI.EconomyandInfrastructure@gov.wales).

### **Next Steps**

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](mailto: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