

13 November 2023

Dear

**ATISN 19171**

Thank you for your request which was received on 16 October 2023. Following our request for clarification, you confirmed that you were requesting the following information:

*A comparison of the statistics for accidents and fatalities in places that became 20mph. The comparison is between the time that the 20mph zone has been in place, and those for the same number of years before the 20mph limit was imposed. It can be a sample of 20mph zones in Wales.*

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 20mph. This would then require a detailed level of validation to ensure that no sections of road are included that are not 20mph. 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.

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](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

Telephone: 0303 123 1113  
Website: [www.ico.org.uk](http://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