

16 January 2024

Dear

**ATISN 20011**

Thank you for your request which I received on 14 December 2023. You asked for the following information:

*Of the 203 serious injuries and 11 fatal accidents in a 30mph zone in 2022 to 2023:*

- 1. How many were caused by the driver?*
- 2. Was the driver speeding?*
- 3. Was the driver under the influence of drugs or alcohol?*
- 4. How many were illegal drivers, i.e. no tax, license, insurance, under age or driving a stolen car?*

You have stated that in 2022 to 2023 (which you later confirmed covered 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022) there were 203 serious injuries and 11 fatal accidents in a 30mph zone. This is incorrect. In 2022 there were 28 fatal collisions and 353 serious collisions on road sections with a 30mph speed limit in Wales. We routinely publish [data on police recorded road collisions](#) on our website, including by severity and speed limit of the road where the collision occurred.

The answers to your questions are below.

1. We do not hold this information.
2. Of the 381 killed or seriously injured (KSI) collisions in 2022, 29 of these had “exceeded speed limit” recorded as a contributory factor by the attending police officer. 5 of these collisions were fatal.
3. 62 of the 381 KSI collisions had either “driver impaired by alcohol” and/or “driver impaired by drugs (illicit or medicinal)” recorded as a contributory factor by the attending police officer. 42 of the collisions recorded a driver impaired by alcohol and 35 of the collisions recorded a driver impaired by drugs. Please note that these numbers do not add up to 62 because some collisions recorded both contributory factors.
4. You later clarified the specific contributory factors you wanted us to consider in our answer. The below table shows collisions where the contributory factors were recorded by the attending police officer.

<b>Contributory factor code</b>	<b>Contributory factor description</b>	<b>KSI collisions, 2022</b>
501	Driver/Rider impaired by alcohol	42
502	Driver/Rider impaired by drugs (illicit or medicinal)	35
508	Driver using mobile phone	2
801	Pedestrian only – Crossing road masked by stationary or parked vehicle	13
803	Pedestrian failed to judge vehicle’s path or speed	16
808	Pedestrian careless, reckless or in a hurry	26

901	Stolen vehicle	3
902	Vehicle in course of crime	2
<b>Collisions involving at least one of the selected</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>CFs</b>	<b>112</b>

Source: Police recorded road collisions, Welsh Government

Please note: Contributory factors in road collisions are the key actions and failures that led directly to the collision. They show the opinion of attending police officers for why collisions occurred. Attending police officers may record up to 6 CFs for each accident from a list of 78 possible CFs.

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

Yours sincerely