

8 February 2024

Dear

Request for information - ATISN 20076

I wrote to you on 16 January regarding your request for information.

Your Request

You asked for the following information regarding the M4 Motorway around Newport between J23 (Magor) and J28 (Tredegar Park) lane closure from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023:

1. How many times has the M4 motorway experienced 'partial' lane closures overall throughout 2023?
2. Stemming from question one. From the 'partial' lane closures listed above, how many times has the M4 motorway been 'partially' closed due to road works?
3. How many times has the M4 motorway experienced 'full' lane closures in *one* direction overall throughout 2023?
4. Stemming from question one. From the 'full' lane closures listed above, how many times has the M4 motorway been 'fully' closed due to road works? This relates to closed in one direction.
5. How many times has the M4 motorway experienced 'full' lane closures in *both* directions overall throughout 2023?
6. How many deaths have occurred in 2023 as a result of road traffic accidents on the M4 motorway?

Our Response

I can confirm that the Welsh Government holds the information you have requested. Please see answers below to your questions:

1. How many times has the M4 motorway experienced 'partial' lane closures overall throughout 2023?

205 – Incidents where the carriageway status was recorded as partially blocked

2. Stemming from question one. From the 'partial' lane closures listed above, how many times has the M4 motorway been 'partially' closed due to road works?

159 times

3. How many times has the M4 motorway experienced 'full' lane closures in *one* direction overall throughout 2023?

105 – Incidents where the carriageway was recorded as 'Closed'(41) or 'Closed for Repair' (64)

4. Stemming from question one. From the 'full' lane closures listed above, how many times has the M4 motorway been 'fully' closed due to road works? This relates to closed in one direction.

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5. How many times has the M4 motorway experienced 'full' lane closures in *both* directions overall throughout 2023?

7 times for Roadworks purposes

6. How many deaths have occurred in 2023 as a result of road traffic accidents on the M4 motorway?

Provisional data shows that 1 fatality was recorded as a result of a road traffic collision on the M4 in South Wales between January and June 2023.

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: Freedomofinformation@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