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Dear

Request for Information - ATISN 26929

- 1) You asked for the following information relating M4 between Jts24 to Jts 29 both east and westbound for the years 2020-2024 namely:
 - The statistics for the pollution monitoring
 - Who was responsible for gathering the information
- 2) You also requested information on the usage of cycle lanes in Cardiff between 2022 and 2024 namely:
 - Maes Y Coed Road
 - Cathays Terrace
 - Cycle lane running adjacent to Ninian Road

Our response

I can confirm the Welsh Government holds some of the information requested.

- 1) Pollution monitoring (Air Quality data) between Jts 24-29 on the M4. Air quality is only monitored between Jts 24-26 on the M4, where statutory limits for nitrogen dioxide (NO₂) were previously being exceeded. There are several monitors, both 'diffusion tubes', which record NO₂ concentrations, and continuous analysers which also record some additional pollutants. The monitors extend from just to the east of Beaufort Road overbridge between Jts 24-25, and a little further west of Jt 26. The wider 50mph M4 J24 to J28 resulted from the South East Wales Transport Commission (Burns Commission) for safety and congestion. We do not monitor NO₂ here as concentrations have not been exceeding limits. The information is in the public domain and can be found here. [Annual data on NO2 concentrations for the motorway and trunk road network | GOV.WALES](#), and also on the Air Quality in Wales website here. [Front page | Air Quality In Wales](#). Further information about our action to support NO₂ compliance can be found here. [Air quality plan: roadside nitrogen dioxide | GOV.WALES](#)

The diffusion tubes and are supplied and analysed by UKAS accredited Staffordshire Scientific Services Ltd (part of Staffordshire County Council), more information about the process can be found in the reports contained in the above link.

- 2) Welsh Government does not hold this information. Cardiff Council may hold this information. [Freedom of Information \(cardiff.gov.uk\)](#)

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

The contact details for the Information Commissioner's Office are:

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Yours sincerely