

2 June 2026

Dear

Request for Information - ATISN 26962

Further to your request for information of 12 May where you asked for information about big cat sightings on or adjacent to the Strategic Road network in Wales between 1 January 2015 and 31 December 2025. Specifically, you wanted to know:

1. Date and location of the report
2. How the report was received
3. A summary of the report
4. Any action taken

You also wanted to know whether any CCTV footage was retained in connection with any such reports.

Our response

The Welsh Government holds some of the information you have requested. We have a record of one big cat sighting in South Wales.

1. 21 April 2016 at 14:12
2. Received from South Wales Police
3. A mountain lion on the overbridge between Junctions 32 and 33 of the M4
4. Traffic Officers were dispatched and attended the scene at 14:26. A search was completed in both directions between the junctions, and a negative search was called through at 14:50.

There is no CCTV footage of the incident.

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.

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above. You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The contact details for the Information Commissioner's Office are:

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Website: 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