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Dear

Request for Information - ATISN 27112

Thank you for your request for information dated 19 June.

Information requested

Request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 about operational ANPR.

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information for **the last three years, broken down into calendar years**:

1. Number of cameras

What is the total number of ANPR cameras in active operation by your organisation? If the numbers have changed, please break down in years (2024, 2025, 2026)

2. Camera operation times and modes

Please share records showing the operational availability of those cameras, including:

- Total operational hours.
- Total hours where cameras were unavailable, offline, malfunctioning or otherwise unable to capture registration plate data.

3. Performance reports, audits or statistics:

Please share any performance report, audits or statistics showing the below:

- The percentage of time ANPR cameras were fully operational.
- The percentage of vehicle registrations successfully captured or read.
- Any recorded failure rates for vehicle registration capture.

4. Guidance on ANPR operation / non operation

Please define terminology: share guidance, policies, or technical standards used to determine whether a camera is considered operational vs non operational referencing

5. Network operation

If the information only covers a part of your ANPR network, please provide what's available.

6. ANPR detection failures

For the last three years, please provide the number of instances where a vehicle was detected but:

- The number plate could not be read ("unreadable plate" / failed read)
- The plate was partially captured or unclear

- Any other recorded error rates for ANPR systems

7. Suspicious or altered plates

- For the last three years, please provide the number of recorded instances where a vehicle was flagged as using:
 - a cloned registration plate
 - a suspected fraudulent or misrepresented registration plate
 - a non-compliant or altered number plate
- If recorded, please provide a breakdown of categories used internally.

Our Response

The Welsh Government does not hold the information you have requested. ANPR cameras are operated and managed by the relevant police forces.

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