



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

ATISN 14927

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Dear

### **Request for Information – ATISN 14927**

I wrote to you on 2 March regarding your request for information.

### **Your Request**

You asked for the following information regarding the Welsh Government's plans to reduce the speed limit in 30mph areas to 20mph:

1. How much vehicle pollution is reduced in 20mph zones compared to 30mph areas.
2. How much increased revenue is generated from speeding in new 20mph zones compared to 30mph areas
3. How much accident rates are reduced in 20mph zones compared with 30mph areas.
4. How injury statistics compare between 20mph zones to 30mph areas.
5. The cost estimates/figures for changing limits from 30mph to 20mph
6. How much vehicle speed is reduced in new 20mph zones compared to 30mph areas.

### **Our response**

I can confirm that the Welsh Government holds some information caught by your request. Please see our response below:

1. We do not hold any data on air quality for 20 mph, however research was undertaken by the 20 mph Task Force group. Please see their report [Link](#), and a report produced for WG by Dr Adrian Davies [Link](#). Independent research by Public Health Wales can also be found [here](#).
2. We do not hold this data on revenue from fines as policing in Wales is not devolved to the Welsh Government, but managed by the Home Office.



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3. Information can be found regarding accident and injuries in the reports listed in response to question 1.
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5. We do not hold this information. These figures will be calculated through our 20mph Pilot Studies (see response 6 below).
6. The Welsh Government has not directly commissioned research regarding the reduction of speed in 20 mph zones. However, it is something that will be investigated as part of the ongoing 20 mph Pilot Studies ([see link](#)). This will ensure robust enforcement, communication and monitoring strategies are developed for the future 20 mph rollout across Wales, and that vehicle speeds are reduced in line with this new national default speed limit.

### **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](mailto: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 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