



Ein cyf/Our ref: ATISN 18772

Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

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Dear ,

### **Request for Information - ATISN 18772**

Further to your request for information which I received on 26 July 2023. You asked for the following information relating to the M4 between Jt24 Coldra to Jt28 Tredegar Park:

1. Number of accidents on that stretch for the year periods 2020, 2021, 2022
2. Survey feedback from road users since the introduction of the fixed 50mph speed limit
3. Average time taken per vehicle to travel from junction 24 to 28 for the year periods 2020, 2021, 2022 at the peak travel times (7am -9am and 3pm – 7pm) and in each direction.
4. Emission levels of nitrogen dioxide (NO2) pollution for the monthly periods for the year periods 2020,2021,2022 using On-road testing mobile equipment known as Portable Emissions Measurement System (PEMS).

I can confirm we hold some of the information for Q1 and Q4. We do not hold any information for Q2 and Q3. No survey has been conducted and we do not have information on the average speed of traffic.

**Q1.** I attach a link to the website where this information is available. For ease I have attached the information in a table format below. [Police recorded road collisions: interactive dashboard | GOV.WALES.](#)

### **Road collision data for M4 between Junction 24 and Junction 28**



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Year	Severity			Total
	Fatal	Serious	Slight	
2020	1	2	8	11
2021	0	2	7	9
2022	0	3	8	11

Source: Welsh Government Stats19 data

#### Notes

Data extracted from 2020 to 2022

Travel restrictions in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19 likely resulted in reduced road collisions. The figures cover only road collisions reported to the police involving personal injury. We do not collect information on road collisions that do not involve a casualty. Collision severity describes the severity of the injury sustained by the most seriously injured casualty in the collision.

**Q4.** We hold some of this information, but I have concluded, however, that it is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, information otherwise available.

The information requested is available at the following weblinks:

[Annual data on NO2 concentrations for the motorway and trunk road: 2018 to 2019 \(gov.wales\)](#)

[Annual data on NO2 concentrations for the motorway and trunk road: 2020 to 2021 | GOV.WALES](#)

Further information on road pollutant data prior to the implementation of the speed limit can be found here:

[Tackling roadside nitrogen dioxide concentrations in Wales \(WelTAG stage 3\) | GOV.WALES](#)

Please note that the latest 2022 data is currently unavailable. We do not hold the accurate information yet; however we will be publishing the data this autumn.

#### Next steps

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Yours sincerely