Dear   11 September 2023

Request for Information – ATISN 18852

Thank you for your request for information dated 17 August 2023.

Information requested

You asked for clarification of the quoted text: "Police data from 2018 shows that about 50 per cent of the 5,759 causalities in road accidents in Wales happened on 30 mph roads and only 2 per cent in 20 mph zones". Specifically:

1. How many different 30 mph zones were used to provide the 50 per cent of the 5,759 causalities in road accidents in Wales?
2. How many 20 mph zones were used in calculating the 2 per cent of the 5,759 causalities in road accidents in Wales?

Our response

1. We do not hold information on the number of 20mph and 30mph zones within our police recorded road accident data system. However, we recently published statistics on: Estimated road length by road speed limit in Wales as of 2021.

2. For your information, data on road casualties by speed limit are published in the WG annual publication Reported road casualties Wales, 2022 (gov.wales)

   When considering the number of casualties by road speed, it's important to consider both the total length of roads across Wales by each speed limit, as well as the volume of traffic travelling on these roads.

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 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