

16 October 2023

Dear

ATISN 19045 – Request for Information

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 21 September 2023. You asked for:

1. Has there been a concerted effort by the Welsh Government via publicity or marketing to educate the Welsh public on how to cross roads safely alongside the introduction of the 20mph new limit imposed.
2. Was an exercise or referendum undertaken by the Welsh Government to seek balanced views on whether the rollout of the 20mph limit would be supported by the public of Wales.
3. Which Welsh ministers voted against the introduction of the 20mph speed limit in built up areas? what was the result of the vote?
4. Has the transport Minister requested that the enforcement agencies take a lenient and more tolerant to motorists who exceed the new speed limit in the early weeks and months of it's introduction.
5. If the answer above was Yes, why have fines and prosecutions been imposed on motorists breaking the 20mph limit during it's trial period in north Cardiff.
6. How many motorists have been caught speeding by the police for exceeding the 20mph limit during the trial period. i.e. before 17 Sept 2023?
7. How many motorist have been fined with penalty points imposed during the roll out of the trial 20mph limit?
8. How many motorists are waiting for a speed awareness course?

Our response

Question 1:

Welsh Government has provided a Stakeholder Communications Toolkit to partners - [20mph campaign: promotional material | GOV.WALES](#) and local authorities in Wales have been able to create their own social media publicity to support all road users. Road Safety Wales is a partnership approach between the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents, GoSafe, Blue light Services and the Welsh Government and they have recently reminded pedestrians to take their time, enjoy the journey and to arrive safely. Road Safety Wales will be developing other messages for pedestrians over the coming weeks.

The Welsh Government also provides revenue funding for road safety education and training programmes across Wales. This year £1.597,103 has been provided to local authorities to deliver a variety of initiatives, for example Child Pedestrian Training, National Standards Cycle Training, Pass Plus Cymru, Mature Driver Training and Motorcycle Training. All of these initiatives will be highlighting the change in the default speed limit in Wales.

Question 2:

This is detailed in the Omnibus survey responses published on the Welsh Government website at <https://www.gov.wales/20mph-public-attitudes-research> (see document titled 20mph Public Attitudes Further Research). It represents the responses to the question, on page 8: QMH2 Would you support a speed limit of 20mph in the area in which you live?

Question 3:

The information you requested is already in the public domain and can be found published on the Senedd website here: [Vote Outcomes Plenary 12/07/2022 - Welsh Parliament \(senedd.wales\)](#)

Question 4 and 5

Welsh Government does not hold information on this. GoSafe are responsible for enforcing the 20mph limit. You can ask them at:

GoSafe
Police Headquarters
PO Box 99
Llangunnor
Carmarthen
SA31 2PD

gosafe@dyfed-powys.police.uk

Questions 6 - 8

We do not hold this information.

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.

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However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely