

03 May 2024

Dear

Request for information - ATISN 20436

I wrote to you on 5 April regarding your request for information.

Your Request

You asked for the following information regarding the M4:

- 1) Accident data for the M4 westbound at Jt 43 for the years 2018-2023
- 2) You have raised issued about drainage in a certain area (“I believe the area I am interested in is in cutting joust east of the full motorway width gantry”) which is a different area from the original information provided by our Trunk Road Agents in March this year.
- 3) You also wish to know when the drainage system filter stone was last renewed.

Our Response

I can confirm the Welsh Government does hold some of the information you have requested.

- 1) The Table in Annex A sets out the accident data for Jt43 for the years 2018-2022. We do not yet have the accident data for 2023.
- 2) From your description we believe Annex B shows the gullies and inspection for the area you requested.
- 3) We do not have the date when the drainage system filter stone was last renewed.

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

Annex A

Table 1: Number of police recorded road collisions on the M4 westbound carriageway within a 500m radius of gantry M4 43-44 G57, Wales, 2018 to 2022

| Year | KSI | Slight | Total | Weather conditions recorded at collision | Road surface condition recorded at collision |
|--------------|------------|---------------|--------------|---|---|
| 2018 | 0 | 1 | 1 | Fine without high winds | Dry |
| 2019 | 1 | 0 | 1 | Fine without high winds | Dry |
| 2020 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - |
| 2021 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - |
| 2022 | 0 | 0 | 0 | - | - |
| Total | 1 | 1 | 2 | | |

Source: Welsh Government Stats19 data

Notes

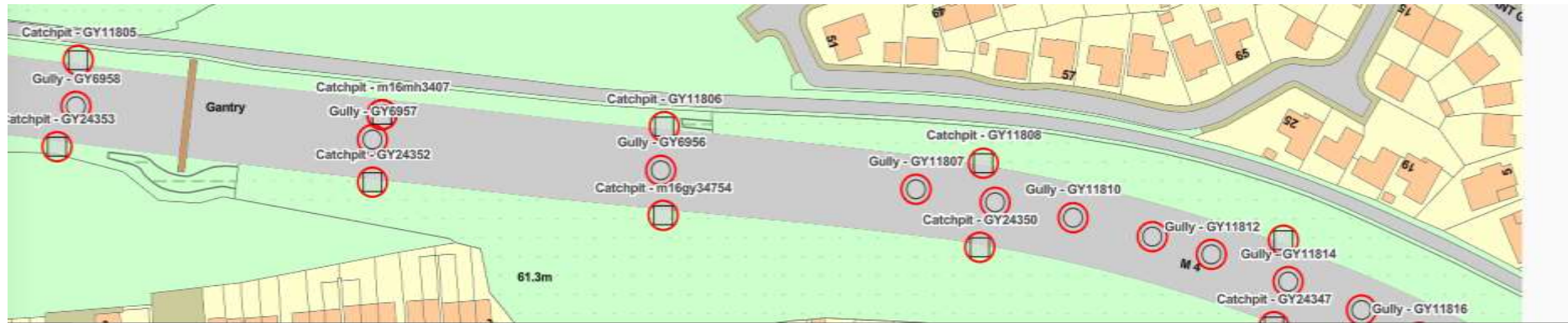
Data extracted for the calendar years 2018 to 2022.

The figures only cover road collisions reported by police involving personal injury. We do not collect information on road collisions that do not involve a casualty.

KSI stands for Killed or seriously injured (KSI) collisions. These are collisions in which the most severe injury sustained by a casualty is fatal or serious.

Weather and road conditions are recorded by the police officers that attended the road collision.

Annex B Gully Clean and Inspected



| defect | silt_level | cleaned | asset_type | comments | post_silt_level | chainage | road_number | section_id | xsp | asset_id | area | inspection_date |
|------------|------------|---------|------------|---|-----------------|----------|-------------|------------|----------------------|----------|---------|------------------|
| UTR | 20% | Yes | Gully | Inspected & cleaned running 100%. Iron weld | 20% | 532.13 | M4 | 1E+093 | 3 - Left Inner Verge | GY24347 | Central | 12/05/2023 09:13 |
| No Defects | 20% | Yes | Gully | Inspected & cleaned running 100%. | 20% | 384.33 | M4 | 1E+093 | 3 - Left Inner Verge | GY24348 | Central | 12/05/2023 13:30 |
| UTR | 20% | Yes | Gully | Inspected & cleaned running 100%. Iron weld | 20% | 628.8 | M4 | 1E+093 | 3 - Left Inner Verge | GY24350 | Central | 12/05/2023 09:20 |
| UTR | 20% | Yes | Gully | Inspected & cleaned running 100%. Iron weld | 20% | 820.91 | M4 | 1E+093 | 3 - Left Inner Verge | GY24352 | Central | 12/05/2023 09:46 |
| UTR | 20% | Yes | Gully | Inspected & cleaned running 100%. Iron weld | 20% | 39.35 | M4 | 1E+093 | 3 - Left Inner Verge | GY24353 | Central | 12/05/2023 09:54 |
| No Defects | 20% | Yes | Gully | Inspected & cleaned running 100%. | 20% | 127.66 | M4 | 1E+093 | 3 - Left Inner Verge | GY24371 | Central | 12/05/2023 11:37 |

For the avoidance of doubt a Gully and a Catchpit are one and the same e.g asset ID GY24350 on the plan says Catchpit but the table says Gully