

19 May 2025

Dear

**Request for Information – ATISN 24656**

Thank you for your request for information dated 17 April.

**Your request:**

1. How much has the Welsh economy suffered as a result of the 20mph speed limit between Sept 2023 - Sept 2024?
2. How much money has the 20mph speed limit saved the NHS? And what has the money been spent on?
3. What were the annual road accident figures in 30mph zones from Sept 2020 - Sept 2023 and the annual road accident figures from Sept 2023 - 2024.
4. What is the total cost of implementing the 20mph speed limit? This includes the money investigating, undertaking pilots, policing?
5. What were the annual death figures from road accidents in 30mph zones from Sept 2020 - 2023 and the annual death figures from road accidents in 20mph zones from Sept 2023 - 2024.
6. What are the individual % uplift in walking and cycling figures has been seen from Sept 2023 - 2024 compared to annual figures from Sept 2020 - Sept 2023?
7. How many accidents are caused by cyclists (pedestrian and motor vehicle) in Wales annually from Sept 2020 - Sept 2024?
8. How many deaths are caused by cyclists in Wales annually from Sept 2020 - Sept 2024?

**Our Response:**

I can confirm that we hold some information related to your request.

1. We do not hold this information, however before the law was passed, we produced an impact assessment that considered all the potential estimated costs and benefits. This was included in the explanatory memorandum.
2. Research undertaken by public health practitioners and Edinburgh Napier University suggests that the estimated reduction in casualties each year from the introduction of the 20mph default speed limit in Wales, could provide around £92m in prevention savings.
3. This information can be found here: [Police recorded road collisions: July to September 2024 \(provisional\) | GOV.WALES](#)

4. Circa £39,504,081 has been spent to date. However, please note the following caveats –  
The figure is subject to slight variation as the outruns for financial year 2024-2025 are yet to be finalised  
Policing (Go Safe) only had a separate grant for 20mph via Operation Ugain in financial year 2024-25 and is included in this total. Any other funding for policing 20mph in previous years specifically for 20mph cannot be identified as this would have been part of their normal operational funding.
5. Information on Police recorded road collisions is published here: [Police recorded road collisions: July to September 2024 \(provisional\) | GOV.WALES](#)
6. We do not hold this information.
7. We do not hold this information.
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](mailto:Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales)

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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