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NORTH WALES
POLICE

Response Date:30/01/2025

2025/072 - Deer vehicle collisions (DVCs)

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I would like to ask the following under the Freedom of Information Act. My request relates to road traffic incidents / accidents involving vehicle collision with deer :

- 1) How many deer vehicle collisions (DVCs) has your force recorded since 1 January 2021 to 1 January 2025? Preferably on a month-by-month basis.**
- 2) Of those deer vehicle collisions recorded since 1 January 2021 to 1 January 2025, how many did your force attend? Preferably on a month-by-month basis.**

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. There is no specific ICAD event type for collisions involving deers and we would have to research the following event types:

RTC
Animal/Wildlife
Highway Disruption

Each incident would have to be reviewed to establish if it contained deer. There are currently 58,745 records for all three categories for the requested period. To obtain the information in the format you have requested would involve manually reviewing each record on our force system. The cost of providing you with the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (FOI) Fees and Appropriate Limit regulations 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with the FOI Act 2000 the information you have requested is exempt under Section 12 (1), and this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under section 17 (5) of the legislation.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 29/01/2025