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2026/222 - Collision Data Involving Range Rover Vehicles (2012–2021) and Front Suspension Failure

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

I am seeking anonymised statistical data relating to road traffic collisions involving Range Rover vehicles (model years 2012–2021) where vehicle failure or defect was identified as a contributing factor, specifically relating to front suspension components. To assist your search, I understand that collision investigations typically record data via STATS19 reporting and may include contributory factors or vehicle defect indicators.

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information for the period 1 January 2012 to present:

1. Collision Records

The total number of recorded road traffic collisions involving:

- **Range Rover vehicles (including Range Rover L405 and Range Rover Sport L494 models, where model detail is available)**

Where:

- **A vehicle defect or mechanical failure was recorded as a contributory factor; and/or**
- **The investigating officer recorded a failure relating to suspension, steering, wheel assembly, or hub components.**

2. Defect Classification (Where Available)

For the above collisions, please provide anonymised breakdowns of:

- **The number where a front suspension component was identified as failed or defective**
- **The number where a steering or hub/knuckle component was identified**
- **Whether the defect was considered:**
 - **A primary cause**
 - **A contributory factor**
 - **Or discovered during post-collision mechanical examination**

3. Mechanical Examination Data

Where vehicles underwent forensic vehicle examination:

- **The number of cases where a fractured or failed front suspension component was recorded**
- **Whether the failure was considered:**
 - **Pre-collision mechanical failure**
 - **Collision-induced damage**
 - **Undetermined**

4. Injury Severity (High-Level Only)

For relevant cases, please provide anonymised totals of:

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Glan-y-Don, Colwyn Bay LL29 8AW
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- **Fatal collisions**
- **Serious injury collisions**
- **Slight injury collisions**

Method

The injury road traffic collision (RTC) data is sourced from the Home Office Stats19 returns for the period between 01/01/2012 and 31/01/2026. Please note that 2025 & 2026 data is considered provisional, therefore subject to change. This data has been broken down to show Range Rover vehicles involved in all collisions, date, time, severity and causation factors. Stats 19 only started to record the make and model of vehicles involved in RTC's from 01/01/2014.

Findings

Our information is set up and searchable for our policing purposes. To provide data in relation to damage only collisions and any further information 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.

Although excess cost removed the forces obligations under the Freedom of Information Act, as a gesture of goodwill, I have supplied information, relative to your request, retrieved or available before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceeded. I trust this is helpful, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fees regulations for the remainder of your request.

There have been 49 injury collisions from 01/01/2014 which involved Range Rover vehicles. There have only been 3 recorded on the RMS (our crime recording system) where one is recorded as being forensically examined and was found to have no mechanical defects with another 3 being examined where the investigation remains ongoing. Four vehicles were involved in fatal collisions, 15 in serious collisions and 30 slight collisions.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 16/03/2026