



Response Date:08/09/2026

2026/868 - Traffic collisions

In response to your recent request for information excess cost is relevant to part which removes 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.

I am looking at the speeds of vehicles involved in traffic collisions which result in persons killed or seriously injured between 2016 and 2025.

I am just looking at the North Wales Police force area.

Please provide information on the following.

Collision type (vehicle vs vehicle, vehicle vs pedestrian, single vehicle involved, etc)

Extant speed limit in force at the time of the collision.

Actual speed of the vehicles involved in the collision (known, estimated, or calculated).

Other contributory factors (mobile phone use, drink/drug driving, etc.).

Primary cause of the accident (eg. excessive speed, pedestrian not looking, vehicle driving dangerously, etc)

Method

The injury road traffic collision (RTC) data is sourced from the Home Office Stats19 returns for the period of 01/01/2016 – 31/12/2025. Please note that 2025 and 2026 data is considered provisional, therefore subject to change. The data was refined to collisions where casualties had obtained serious or fatal injuries.

Findings

Collision type (vehicle vs vehicle, vehicle vs pedestrian, single vehicle involved, etc)

Vehicle vs vehicle – There have been 1524 collisions involving 2 or more vehicles

Vehicle vs pedestrian – There have been 515 collisions involving at least one pedestrian

Single vehicle collision – There have been 1113 single vehicle collisions

Cyclists – There have been 322 collisions involving at least one cyclist

Extant speed limit in force at the time of the collision.

Speed Limit	Fatal	Serious	Total
5	0	1	1
20	13	200	213
30	56	947	1003
40	18	189	207
50	14	113	127
60	127	807	934
70	24	128	152

Actual speed of the vehicles involved in the collision (known, estimated, or calculated).

This data is not recorded on the T377 and would require a manual search of all 2,637 collisions. 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.

Other contributory factors (mobile phone use, drink/drug driving, etc.).**Primary cause of the accident (eg. excessive speed, pedestrian not looking, vehicle driving dangerously, etc)**

The top ten contributory factors for collisions are shown below. There can be up to 6 contributory factors recorded per collision. Contributory factors on the T377 are recorded shortly after the collision and can include hypotheses, and may not include factors that have been discovered following an investigation.

Ranking	Code	Description	Count
1	405	Failed to look properly	827
2	410	Loss of control	649
3	602	Careless/Reckless/In a hurry	543
4	403	Poor turn or manoeuvre	440
5	406	Failed to judge other persons path or speed	412
6	307	Travelling too fast for conditions	280
7	802	Failed to look properly	216
8	501	Impaired by alcohol	209
9	306	Exceeding speed limit	199
10	601	Aggressive driving	179

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 03/09/2026