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Dear [REDACTED]

We have now completed our search for the information you requested in your email of the 7 June regarding accident data on the Smart Motorway section of the M3. Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked:

I would like to request under the Freedom of Information act, the number of accidents on the M3's Smart Motorway section in the following periods:

- June 2018 to July 2017
- May 2018 to July 2017
- April 2018 to July 2017
- March 2018 to July 2017
- February 2018 to July 2017
- January 2018 to July 2017
- July 2017 to December 2017
- January 2017 to June 2017
- January 2016 to December 2016

Could I have raw data and a written briefing of all the incidents within these dates please?

Please find attached a table containing raw data, summary breakdown by month, breakdown by accident severity, KSI ratios, yearly totals, and the overall total as requested for:

- January to December 2016

We are unable to provide the data for 2017 and 2018, as the validated data is not yet available. The data for 2017 is due to be published by the Department for Transport towards the end of this year and 2018 data won't be published until the end of next year.

It is not possible to provide written briefings for the accidents. Any freetext fields in the data have a high potential of containing Personally Identifiable Data (PID)

relating to drivers (vehicle registrations, names etc). Therefore these are redacted before the data reaches Highways England, in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998.

The raw validated data from the Department for Transport (DfT) is available in the link below:

<https://data.gov.uk/dataset/road-accidents-safety-data>

Via the link below you will be able to access a map with the Stats 19 data where you can search by road, year and type of incident:

<http://www.crashmap.co.uk/Search>

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number [REDACTED] in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request you may ask for an internal review. Our internal review process is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/highways-england/about/complaints-procedure>

If you require a print copy, please phone the Information Line on 0300 123 5000; or e-mail info@highwaysengland.co.uk. You should contact me if you wish to complain.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

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