

Our ref: CRS 749,235
Your ref:

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Via email

Direct Line:

10 March 2017

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST M1 JUNCTIONS 10 -13 ACCIDENT STATISTICS

Thank you for your email of 8 March requesting accident data for the M1 between junctions 10 and 13 in both directions for the period 1 January 2015 to date.

Highways England only uses validated personal injury collision data which is published annually. It is collected, collated and validated by the Department for Transport prior to publication, usually each autumn on their website. We do not routinely record damage only, non-injury collisions which do not have to be reported to the police.

Personal injury collision data is published annually. Validated personal injury collision data for 2016 will not be available until autumn 2017. Similarly, data for 2017 will not be available until autumn 2018. Therefore this portion of your request is being refused in reliance on Section 22(1) of the Freedom of Information Act – information intended for future publication.

Under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, we are not required to provide information which is already reasonably accessible to you. As well as the Department for Transport's website, <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/road-accidents-and-safety-statistics>, the information that you require is also available at <http://www.crashmap.co.uk>. This website uses data obtained directly from official sources and includes 2016 data although as mentioned earlier, this has yet to be validated.

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 email 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
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number 749,235 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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