

Our ref: FOI 173-24 CRS 750937

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Dear [REDACTED]

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information, which you requested on 22 April 2017. Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

- You have asked many crashes have there been on the M4 in Berkshire per month between March 2015 and March 2017. Of those, how many involved fatalities?
- How many crashes have there been on the A34 in Berkshire per month between March 2015 and March 2017. Of those, how many involved fatalities?

Highways England obtain their validated incident statistics from the Department for Transport (Stats 19) which provides detailed information on incident circumstances, vehicles involved and resulting casualties. There is no legal requirement to report of non-injury incidents to the Police but all incidents involving personal injury must be reported.

I enclose a copy of the validated accident figures for the A34 and M4 in Berkshire for the period between March 2015 and December 2015. This also includes the unvalidated figures for the number of fatal accidents between January 2016 and March 2017, however we do not hold the figures for the total number of accidents within this timeframe.

Please note that the unvalidated data may be incomplete and subject to change and precise locational information is not always available. If the accident occurred near a local authority boundary there may be some inaccuracies as to which authority the accident occurred in.

The validated accident data for 2016 is due to be released in the Autumn and once we have received this information we will be able to update you. The validated 2017 data will be issued in Autumn 2018.

As well as the information held by Highways England you may also be interested in looking at the following sources:

The Road Safety Data which is published by DfT on the following link:  
<https://data.gov.uk/dataset/road-accidents-safety-data>

Crashmap uses the published data to map collisions and this information can be found at: <http://www.crashmap.co.uk/> CrashMap has been developed by an experienced team of collision analysts and road safety professionals with extensive experience of making road casualty data available to the press and public; especially online.

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request you may ask for an internal review within 2 months of the date of this response for Freedom of Information requests and within 40 days for Environmental Information Regulations requests.

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](mailto: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 CRS 750937 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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