

Our ref: EIR 768153

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Dear [REDACTED]

Environmental Information Regulations 2004
U3A studies/motorway safety profiles

Thank you for your email to the Highways England Customer Contact Centre on 17 December regarding information on the Motorways serving London, notably the M4 and the M25. I have handled your enquiry under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Please see attached validated STATS19 data for accidents that were recorded between 1995 to 2005 (inclusive) on both the M4 & M25. This data includes incidents that occurred in both directions.

The STATS19 statistics relate only to personal injury collisions on public roads that are reported to the police and subsequently recorded, using the STATS19 accident reporting form. There is no requirement for those involved in a non-injury collision to report it to police and these matters are often dealt with by insurance companies using established industry wide procedures without Highways England being notified. Non-injury collisions are not factored into the annual STATS19 reporting and as a result there is not a way for Highways England to produce accurate annual statistics relating to the total number of non-injury collisions which occurred on the Strategic Road Network.

We cannot provide you with lane closures that resulted in a police investigation from 1995 to 2005 on both the M4 & M25. Closure code for police investigation (PI) was only introduced on 1 April 2013.

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>

Please use the link below to access a map with the accident data. 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 us quoting reference number EIR 768153 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; 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:

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Yours sincerely

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