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23 July 2019

Dear

Freedom of Information Act M11 Accident Data

Thank you for your email of 12 July requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 about the number of fatalities on the M11. We have now completed our search for the information requested.

Information relating to road traffic collisions in Great Britain is collected annually by the Department for Transport. To allow for the information to be properly validated it is typically published during the summer of the year *after* it is collected. Therefore, data for 2018 is not yet available but will be published later this summer. The information we are providing includes up to 2017.

In withholding the information, I am relying upon the exemption under [Section 22 \(1\)](#) information intended for future publication.

In applying this exemption, we have had to balance the public interest in withholding the information against the public interest in disclosure which are set out at the end of this letter.

We have no data available for 2019.

I have extracted the elements of your request and respond as follows:

1. The number of fatalities on the M11 between junctions 6 and 8 since 2010 until now

Six

2. The type of vehicles involved in collisions on the M11 between junctions 6 and 8 since 2010 until now

Motorcycle	Car Taxi	Minibus	Bus	Goods	Other
10	438	1	2	40	2

3. Which vehicle the fatality was in during the collision on the M11 between junctions 6 and 8 since 2010 until now

Road Description	Vehicle Type	
	Car occupant	Motor cycle (over 500cc) rider/pass
M11 northbound between J7 and J8	2	
M11 southbound between J7 and J6	3	1

4. The number of fatalities on the M11 between junctions 6 and 14 since 2010 until now

Fourteen

5. The type of vehicles involved in collisions on the M11 between junctions 6 and 14 since 2010 until now

Motorcycle	Car Taxi	Minibus	Bus	Goods	Other
34	927	2	57	110	3

6. Which vehicle the fatality was in during the collision on the M11 between junctions 6 and 14 since 2010 until now

Road Description	Vehicle Type				
	Bus or coach occupant	Car occupant	Goods vehicle (7.5t. and over) occupant	Motor cycle (126cc to 500cc) rider/pass	Motor cycle (over 500cc) rider/pass
M11 northbound between J7 and J8		2			
M11 northbound between J8 and J9		1			
M11 northbound between J9 and J10				1	
M11 northbound within J14			1		
M11 southbound between J10 and J9		1			
M11 southbound between J11 and J10		1			
M11 southbound between J7 and J6		3			1
M11 southbound between J9 and J8	1		1		

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
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number F100112 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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Request for Accident Data between M11 junctions 6 and 8 since 2010 until present

FOIA Exemption S.22 – Information intended for future publication

Factors supporting disclosure

- Disclosure of the information would be consistent with our commitment to proactively publishing data on matters of the wider public interest
- The public has an interest in learning the number and type of incidents that have occurred on any given section of the road network and expects data to be available.

Factors supporting non-disclosure

- Validated 2018 data is intended for publication by the Department for Transport later this year, 2019.
- Unvalidated data is likely to include errors and omissions that will be corrected during the validation process
- Publication on the Gov.uk website will take place once the validation process has been completed
- As the information is of interest to the wider public it is important it can be accessed simultaneously by the public rather than piecemeal by disclosure to a small number of individuals under the FOIA. Therefore, it is in the wider interest that information is accessible to the public adhering to the publication schedule.

Conclusion: There are compelling arguments which support withholding the information which outweigh those supporting release.

Date of PIT review: 22 July 2019