

**From:** OPS DMT (NW)  
**Sent:** 21 January 2020 14:51  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Highways England Response - Information Request 100670

Dear [REDACTED]

We are writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information, which you requested on 23 December 2019.

Highways England responds to requests for collision data using validated Stats19 data, which forms part of National Statistics. Stats19 data records personal injury accidents on public roads. (Further information on this dataset can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/road-accidents-and-safety-statistics>). The latest period of validated Stats19 data that is currently available for the Strategic Road Network managed by Highways England is 2017.

Under Section 1 of the Act, we confirm that we do not hold the information you requested for the years 2018 and 2019, however you may find further details available via <http://www.crashmap.co.uk/Search>. Further information may also be held by Lancashire Police and, if you have not already done so, you may wish to contact them at [FOI@lancashire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:FOI@lancashire.pnn.police.uk)

The table below details the number serious and slight collisions on the M65 from January 2015 to December 2017 (the latest available validated statistics) by hour and severity. There were no fatal collisions on the M65 during this period.

Number of collisions of the M65						
	Serious*			Slight**		
Hour	2015	2016	2017	2015	2016	2017
00.00	1				2	1
01.00						1
02.00	1					
03.00						1
05.00			1		1	
06.00				1	1	1
07.00	2	1		5	9	4
08.00			3	6	3	7
09.00			1		2	1
10.00		2	1	4	1	1
11.00	1			1	1	5
12.00				3	2	
13.00		1				1
14.00				5	3	2
15.00	1			2	2	
16.00		1		6	6	3

17.00				3	9	4
18.00	1		1		3	2
19.00				4	4	1
20.00				2	4	3
21.00				1	2	1
22.00	1	1		1		2
23.00				4	2	1

\* Serious injury: An injury for which a person is detained in hospital as an “in-patient”, or any of the following injuries whether or not they are detained in hospital: fractures, concussion, internal injuries, crushings, burns (excluding friction burns), severe cuts, severe general shock requiring medical treatment and injuries causing death 30 or more days after the accident. An injured casualty is recorded as seriously or slightly injured by the police on the basis of information available within a short time of the accident. This generally will not reflect the results of a medical examination, but may be influenced according to whether the casualty is hospitalised or not. Hospitalisation procedures will vary regionally

\*\* Slight injury: An injury of a minor character such as a sprain (including neck whiplash injury), bruise or cut which are not judged to be severe, or slight shock requiring roadside attention. This definition includes injuries not requiring medical treatment.

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](mailto:info@highwaysengland.co.uk). You should contact us 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 email, please contact us. Please remember to quote reference number 100670 in any future communications.

Yours faithfully

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