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Mr Steve Higgins

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29th May 2014

Dear Mr Higgins,

Thank you for your request for statistics on motorway suicides. Your request was received on 10 April 2014 and you received a response on the 14<sup>th</sup> April 2014 from Ms Katherine Wilson-Ellis, of the Highways Agency. This response did not include information about Highways Agency's studies conducted covering sites where suicides and/or attempted suicides are a known issue. I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Highways Agency uses the [STATS19 Road Accident dataset](#) to help inform decisions around safety improvements on the Strategic Road Network. STATS19 does not record suicide as cause of death and as a result, the Agency does not undertake a structured national programme of analysis into suicides or attempted suicides on the strategic road network. .

However, the Agency does seek to tackle any issues that affect the performance of the network and as such has commissioned some studies concerning the prevention of suicides or because we have identified a risk of someone being able to access tall, hazardous structures. I have conducted a search for any studies conducted in the last three years and these are attached.

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

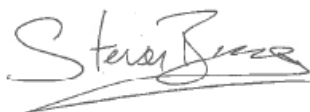
If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request you may ask for an internal review. Our internal review process is available at:  
<http://www.highways.gov.uk/foicomplaints>

If you require a print copy, please phone the Highways Agency Information Line on 0300 123 5000; or e-mail [ha\\_info@highways.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ha_info@highways.gsi.gov.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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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steven Brassey', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

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